U.S. Trade Deficit Narrows Slightly; **Markets Are Cool**

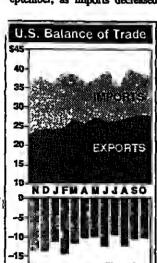
By Stuart Auerbach Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The U.S.

merchandise trade deficit dipped slightly in October to \$10,35 billion, the government said Wednesday, but exports fell and financial markets were disappointed.

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve Board reported that factories, nines and utilities operated in Noember at their highest level in nine ears, raising fears of inflation. The rate of factory use raised meerns that U.S. manufacturers ay not be able to continue proucing for export while meeting mestic demand. That could stifle export boom, which has been

de deficit this year.
The trade deficit shrank by \$320 on, or 29 percent, from a seahally adjusted \$10.67 billion in eptember, as imports decreased

main factor in shrinking the



Deficit is the excess of imports over exports. Amounts in

more than exports, the Commercial Department reported.

Exports dropped \$320 million. or about 1 percent, to \$27.67 bil-lion, while imports fell \$640 million, or about 2 percent, to \$38.02

Through October, the overall merchandise trade deficit has been running at an annual rate of \$136.1 billion, 20 percent below the alltime high of \$170.3 billion last year. The markets greeted the mixed economic signals with a negative performance. Prices on the New York Stock Exchange moved lower Wednesday, with the Dow Jones industrial average falling 9.24 points to close at 2,134.25. (Page

The dollar also fell against most major foreign currencies in New York as traders said they had hoped to see greater improvement in the deficit. (Page 17)

Prices of U.S. Treasury bonds were mostly weaker by the end of trading, pressured by the dollar's

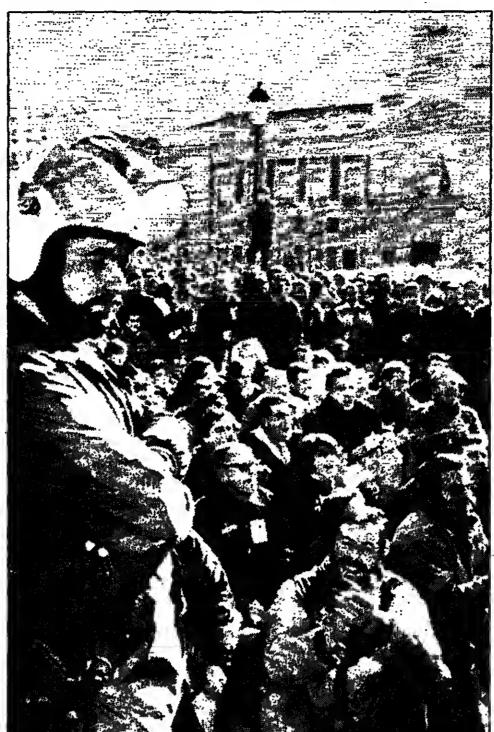
A lower dollar would help reduce the trade deficit by making U.S. products less expensive overseas, generating sales, and by raising the price of foreign products in the

But Reuters reported that Rob-ert Giordano of Goldman Sachs & Co. said, "The trade adjustment process has really stalled out at

current exchange rates. "That suggests that without a weaker dollar or a weaker economy, neither of which we have at the moment, it will be tough to get further decreases in the deficit."

Despite the more pessimistic tone of private economists, administration officials said the trade numbers were welcome news be-cause they indicated a downward

Commerce Secretary C. William Verity Jr. said the United States was heading for a 20 percent im-See DEFICIT, Page 17



Union members in central Madrid chapping hands in defiance of police during the strike Wednesday. celled and bus, train and subway gervices were at a minimum. Hospi-

8 Million Strike Crippling Spain

By Paul Delaney

MADRID - A one-day strike by workers protesting the Socialist government's economic policies brought commerce, industry and transportation throughout Spain to a standatill Wednesday, underscor-ing widespread dissatisfaction with the government.

Defying pleas from Prime Minis-ter Felipe González to negotiate, nearly eight million workers out of a work force of 10 million stayed off their jobs. Mr. González estimated that the strike cost more than \$3 billion.

The huge response left union leaders exphoric and government officials facing a difficult future. At a news conference, Mr. González again urged dialogue.

"I repeat my wish to talk with the

unions and reach agreement on the Spanish economy today and on the possibilities of a social and economy policy for tomorrow, next year and 1992," he declared. José Manuel de la Parra, organi

ation secretary of the Workers' Commissions, one of the unions, said that its leaders were pleased, even euphoric." "The strike exceeded our most

timistic calculations," he said. This is a historical work stoppage, never before seen in our country. There obviously is no other option but a serious reflection on what this means for the country." The action was the climax of at

least two years of complaints by union leaders that government anti-inflationary economic policies and the prolonged boom in Spain had benefited business, but not most workers.

During that period, relations between the Socialist Workers Party and its trade union ally, the General Union of Workers, eroded to the point that the union for the first time joined forces with the Communist-led Workers' Commissions to sponsor the higgest general strike since 1934.

International flights were can-

tals and other emergency sectors also provided only minimum ser-vice. Actors, soccer players and journalists refused to work.

There was some violence on picket lines. At least two bombs were set off, and dozens of people

shops, restaurants, factories, museums and office buildings, including government offices, were closed. Less than a dozen injuries, none serious, were reported.

A government spokesman, Mi-guel Gil, acknowledged that the strike had been widely heeded, but said that many people stayed away from work out of fear of violence. Many believe that the strong show of force will force Mr. Gonza-

lez to alter his policies or call elections earlier than those scheduled for 1990. The seriousness of the breach between the government and the General Umon of Workers was highlighted last year when Nicho-las Redondo, general secretary of the union, resigned his seat in par-liament over seconds solicies. He

liament over economic policies. He and Mr. González had worked to-gether in clandestine political activity under Franco. In holding fast to his policies, Mr. González was aided by a lack

of strong opposition from left or tight, and he largely ignored the protests of labor leaders. The economy was the best performing in the European Community. But Mr. Redondo insisted that

workers should reap more from the boom. Last month, he and Antonio Gutiérrez Vegara, general secretary of the Workers' Commissions, agreed on a general strike, the first by the General Union of Wockers against fellow Socialists

The issue became a personal duel tween Mr. González and Mr. Redondo that degenerated into namecalling by the two sides.

The strike, an embarrassment to the Socialists, came two weeks before Spain takes over the presiden-

U.S. Shift On PLO Reported

A New Statement By Arafat Seems Madrid, Barcelona and other To Satisfy Shultz

> WASHINGTON - The United States decided on Wednesday to open direct talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization, saying the PLO had met the conditions for beginning a dialogue on Middle East peace, a U.S. television net-

The Cable News Network quoted State Department officials as saying that direct talks between U.S. and PLO officials would begin near PLO headquarters in Tunisia It gave no further details.

Enough, Arafat Says

Edward Cody of The Washington Post reported earlier from Geneva: Yasser Arafat said Wednesday night that the PLO had made as many concessions as possible in seeking to open a dialogue with the United States.

"Enough is enough!" Mr. Arafat said a news conference, repeating the statement two more times for emphasis. "Enough is enough! Enough is enough!" "What do you want?" he added.

"Do you want me to strip tease?"
His frustration revolved around a Swedish-mediated campaign to draw from him a series of statements that would induce the Reagan administration to open a politi-cal dialogue with the PLO.

It was rumored in Washington, neanwhile, that the new Arafat language had been accepted by the United States and that Mr. Shultz was ready to announce U.S. readiness to open a preliminary dialogue with the PLO.

Mr. Arafat, responding to accu-sations from Israel and the United States that PLO positions remained that they had been made amply clear in the Palestine National Council's political statement Nov. 15 in Algiers and his own speech on Tuesday before the United Nations General Assembly meeting in Ge-

At the same time, he shifted his language slightly from that used in the speech on two key points.

Referring to acceptance of Secu-rity Council Resolutions 242 and 338, he omitted the usual addition of Palestinians' right to self deteron And clared that the PLO "renounces" such practices rather than "condemns" them, which has been the PLO position.

Displaying impatience with such emphasis on line-tuning, however, Mr. Arafat warned that continued haggling over language or accusations that he was trying to fool public opinion would be "damag-

ing and counterproductive."
"All remaining matters should be discussed around the negotiating table and in the international conference," he said, referring to his call for a Middle East peace conference. Then he asked to be quoted as saying: "We want peace. We are committed to peace. We

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Namibia: New Outlook By Soviets

By William Claiborne Washington Post Service
BRAZZAVILLE, Congo --- His-

tory has come full circle in southern Africa since 1974 with the signing here on Tuesday of a historic agree-ment for the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola in exchange for next Nov. 1. In the era of Leonid I. Brezhnev.

Moscow argued that the world -

NEWS ANALYSIS and particularly the Third World

was moving inexorably toward communism, and a nudge of destiny by the Soviets was regarded as a natural indulgence, costly though it

Newly liberated Portuguese col-onies like Angola and Mozambique were obvious windows of opportumity for the Soviets, who had supported the nationalist guerrilla revolutions in those countries. Moscow poured in billions of re-

bles in military and economic aid to prop up the Marxist people's republics that had been left bankrupt by the flight of the white colonists. It also provided the readymade social and economic systems that would govern the infant black nations, to the dismay of the United States and its free-market allies. It was this backdrop that made all the more remarkable the spectacle of a U.S. assistant secretary of state, Chester A. Crocker, and a

Soviet deputy foreign minister, An-See NAMIBIA, Page 2

Fortress Europe: As Internal Barriers Fall, Will Outside Walls Go Up? wider anxiety that the industrial coun-

By Reginald Dale nal Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - Somewhere along the rock-strewn road to its post-1992 single market, the European Community has picked up an unwanted traveling com-At the headquarters of the EC Commission in Brussels, they heartily wish it would go away.

But over the past few months Fortress Europe has become part of the standard shorthand of the EC's trading partners. The fear it expresses is that the Europan



Fourth In a series of articles Community may fortify its outer walls even as it dismantles its internal ones The fears are hard to nail down, largely because there is nothing concrete to justify them, community officials argue. But the unease has heightened the

tries may be forming powerful, competing economic blocs, from which the rest of the world could be increasingly barred by protectionist ramparts.

The single market is in principle unobjectionable," said Sidney Golt, a for-mer top British trade negotiator. "But it would be disturbing if a united Europe was more protectionist than the individual European countries."

"It is a danger that could be very troublesome to the international trading system over the next two, three, or four years," he said.

Reflecting the anxieties of developing countries, the Indian minister of com-merce, Dinesh Singh, said, "Naturally, we all have concerns about whether the community will become protectionist or continue to allow us the same access."

is angrily rejected by both the EC Commission and the 12 member governments. "Every economic statistic proves that it would be absurd for the commu nity to tend towards protectionism." the commission said in its first statement, in October, on the external implications of the single market.

As the world's largest exporter, the European Community accounts for 20 community's major trading partners, the percent of world trade, against 15 percent for the United States and 9 percent newly industrializing economies.

open world trade." Many economists agree. "For the world's biggest trader, it would be suicide to close the doors," an international economist said.

However true that may seem, it has not ended the argument. Fears of a Fortress Europe remain widespread both

"The United States and Japan are

The community, the commission said, to be tween fear of exclusion and cause "a fundamental interest in free and servess to share in the benefits" of a single market, said Christopher Johnson, chief economic adviser to Lloyds Bank in London

Many of the those who lear a Fortress Europe do not believe that the commu-nity will turn protectionist as a matter of See TRADE, Page 6 outside the EC and to some extent inside

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Suspect Is Held In Palme Case

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) - A 41-year-old convicted nurderer was arrested on Wednesday on suspicion of killing Prime Minister Olof Palme nearly three years ago.

Assistant Prosecutor Axel Morath said the suspect had been questioned earlier in the investigation, but that "further investigation is necessary." Arrest on suspicion is the second step in a procedure that can lead to formal

charges. Mr. Morath did not name



Clayton Yeutter was nominated as U.S. agriculture Esecretary.

General News

1 An obscure general, 50, was s reported to be the new Soviet military commander. Page 2. Vietnam and the Vatican are taking cautious steps toward reconciliation

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The Dollar 1.7396 9.24 Pound 1.8265 Yen 122.70

Time, Armenia's Foe, Is Beating the Rescuers

By Bill Keller

New York Tunes Service LENINAKAN, U.S.S.R. -- It is a combat zone here in northwest Armenia, one week after the mountains convulsed in an earthquake of heartbreaking dimensions. The enemy is time, and it is winning. As workers in the stricken cities

of Leninakan and Spitak probed the rubble Wednesday in faint hope of finding the last few survivors, authorities laid plans for a massive evacuation of survivors who have shown little willingness

Officials in Spitak said that by Friday, they plan to begin bulldozing what was once a city of 20,000, and sowing the ruins with lime and disinfectant before undertaking the improbable task of rebuilding the

in Leninakan, where 290,000 people lived before the Dec. 7 quake, authorities insisted that they had not committed themselves to a complete evacuation. But one Soviet construction engineer involved with the rescue effort said either forced relocation of many thousands who still inhabit the spectral city, or a serious risk of

epidemic from bodies decomposing

under collapsed buildings. "For the moment they are evacuating on a voluntary basis," said the engineer, who spoke on the con-dition he not be named. "But they have been discussing the evacuation of the whole population because it is already clear that it is impossible to take all the dead bodies out of the ruins, and there is the risk of epidemic if people remain."

A 160-mile (260-kilometer) hitchhiking tour of the devastated zone — in a truck delivering rescu-ers from a Ukrainian mountain cimbing a Oxfanian mountain climbing club, in an army colonel's jeep and in the car of a grieving Leninakan man — was filled with indelible images of despair:

 Paruir Karapatikyan, a worker in the now demolished Spitak sugar factory, in the first light of dawn. prowling through the coffins and frozen corpses laid ont in the city as he searched for his lost daughter. Families squatting hollow-eyed in a freezing drizzle, waiting for French patrol dogs to sniff the ruins of their home in Leninakan,



See QUAKE, Page 4 A Soviet Army tank at an intersection in central Yerevan as a curfew and a state of emergency continued in the Armenian capital.

A Few Hurdles Might Help the Good Life in Scandinavia

By Tyler Marshall

Los Angeles Times Service
COPENHAGEN — A British consultant was recalling how Swedish delegates to an international economic conference that she attended in the 1950s were quickly dubbed "the quiet men" by other participants.

"They arrived punctually, were always very polite and well dressed, but stuck together and rarely opened their mouths," said the consultant, Jean Phillips-Martinsson, who advises businesses on cultural stereotypes. That was 30 years ago, and nothing has changed

Learning to stick together and blend

with the crowd comes with mother's milk for those born in the Scandinavian north. In a region where a tough, agrarian peo-ple once saw communal harmony as the key to survival, conformity is a religion.

The Norwegian writer Aksel Sandemose called it the "Jante law" -an unwritten, unspoken, but all-pervasive Scandinavian social imperative that no one must dare excel, no one must be allowed to fall behind, all should seek the middle ground.

Although he wrote more than half a

century ago, Sandemose's portrait of a

small Danish town that he disguised with

the name "Jante" helps explain the sti-

fling penchant for communal harmony

and conformity that still dictates the shape of life in the Scandinavian nations of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, three of the world's most prosperous countries. With a population of only 18 million -roughly that of greater New York City

- strewn over an area the size of all Central Europe, the Scandinavian counthes retain the aura of small communities where everyone knows everyone. Amid the gleaming stainless steel and polished glass, the unlittered streets and scrubbed, blond, Protestant faces, few

stand out from the crowd. In Scandinavia, consensus and compromise are a way of life. There are few incentives to excel.

In Norwegian schools, grades no long-er exist for pre-teen students, and the message in classrooms throughout the region - nurtured as much by the absence of reward and the example of life around them as by any overt policy - is that to be average is to be safe.

"We don't admire big stars or heroes very much," said Jacob Vedel-Petersen, director of the Institute for Social Science Research in Copenhagen, "The man in the street is our hero."

Even for those with power, that seems to be the role model.

Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson of Sweden carries his own bags, lives in a rented apartment and, by law, opens his

mail to any citizen interested enough to drop by and read it.

genuinely privileged Scandinavians tend to live unobtrusively. Flamboyance is In the 1930s, the strength of this com-munal loyalty and inbred egalitarianism helped spawn the world's most compre-

hensive welfare states that became the seeds for other experiments, including Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. Two former Socialist prime ministers, Willy Brandt of West Germany and Bruno Kreisky of Austria, returned home from World War II exile in Scandinavia

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China to Let Foreigners Leave Tiber

BELIING (Reuters) — The Chinese police have returned the passports of a Dutch woman and a Canadian man that were confiscated the

protests over the weekend in Lhasa, diplomats said Wednesday, and the

on are expected to leave the control of the Netherlands was shot in the min

when police opened fire during a pro-independence protest on Saturday

Both she and Ronald Schwartz, a Canadian, had their travel document

confiscated following the disturbance. Diplomatic sources said a third

foreigner. Daniel Gittings of Britain, was questioned by the police this

General Moiseyev, 50, a specialist in Soviet military ideology and

training, is considered close to General Dmitri T. Yazov, the Soviet defense minister.

Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci, who met General Moiseyev during a visit to the Soviet Far East in June, said Tuesday, "He impressed me as being very sharp, and I recall in my reporting on the meeting saying that we should watch him because he was a comer." He added that the general was "obviously a Yazov man."

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ly after World War II. He would replace Marshal Sergei F. Akhromeyev, 65, a higher-ranking official who figured prominently in U.S.-Soviet arms negotiations and occasionally in Moscow press conferences on military matters.

of staff since the period immediate-

Obscure General, 50, Is Said to Be New Soviet Military Chief

As President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was announcing huge unilat-eral troop cuts last week, Soviet

General Moiseyev would be the youngest Soviet armed forces chief was resigning for health reasons.

The appointment of his successor, which has not been announced in Moscow, was revealed by a senior Soviet military official to visiting U.S. experts late last week. Other knowledgeable Soviet officials confirmed the appointment to the visitors, and a Washington Post correspondent in Moscow, Michael Dobbs, obtained independent con-

1987. The district stretches along Moscow in May 1987. the Pacific from the Sea of Japan to the Bering Strait, and the top post there is a familiar launching pad to more senior military positions.

firmation from an authoritative commander of the district when

Communist Party source. General General Yazov was promoted to Moiseyev has been identified in head the Defense Ministry during published Soviet articles as the for- the reshuffle of military leaders ormer chief of staff to General Ya- dered by Mr. Gorbachev after a 20v, who commanded the Far East- young West German pilot landed a ern military district from 1984 to light plane near Red Square in

U.S. experts said that General Moiseyev's relative inexperience probably meant that the general would not be as influential or dom-General Moiseyev was named inant as Marshal Akhromeyev was on political matters.

Restrictions

On Travel

Relaxed by

E. Germany

for such a visit in case of the death

sion of travel and emigration rules since 1982, also spelled out in new

detail "humanitarian" grounds for

But it provided for a number of

The decree's most important

provision may be that authorities

must inform citizens, in writing and within specified deadlines, whether

their applications to travel or emi-grate have been approved. The au-

thorities must provide a reason if

citizen then has a right to appeal

that such procedural guarantees

have been granted. Hundreds of thousands of citizens have never received answers to their formal

applications to travel or emigrate.

The West German government and Western diplomats welcomed

the decree as a step in the right

direction. But they reserved final judgment while waiting to see how fully the new laws were implement-

Dorothee Wilms, Bonn's minis-

Instead, it put into law a relax-

ation of travel policy that has been

The East German government

heavy pressure from within the

Restrictions on travel, symbol-

emigration.

person left the country.

the decree said.

China has said a Tibetan monk was shot to death and 13 persons were injured during the disturbance. Western witnesses have said several

week but was also expected to leave soon.

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Iran Authorizes Formation of Parties NICOSIA (Renters) — An Iranian government minister said Wednesday that approved political parties would be permitted to operate but warned politicians to learn from "the bitter past" and abide by Islanie

Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi said on the Tehran radio that parties could operate on the basis of the constitution and laws paised in September 1981. The laws forbid the formation of political parties by people with criminal records, those who do not recognize the constitute and senior officials of the former regime.

Iran currently has no officially recognized political parties. The Communist Tudeh Party was outlawed in 1983 and vigorously suppressed by the Moslem fundamentalist leaders of Iran.

By Robert McCartney Washington Post Service BONN — East Germany offi-Peres Agrees to Be Finance Minister

JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Foreign Minister Shimon Peres agreed on cially relaxed Wednesday restric-Wednesday to serve as finance minister in a national unity continue headed by his political rival, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

"Mr. Peres is ready to take upon himself the role of finance minister on the condition that all the authorities needed to reconstruct the economy tions on travel and emigration to the West, and established what appeared to be important new proce-

> He had wanted to stay on as foreign minister but came under pres from members of his Labor Party to take over the Finance Ministry in order to to aid ailing Labor-affiliated industries and collective apply.

Red Brigades Announce a Kevival

For instance, it said citizens now ROME (Reuters) — A group of Italian Red Brigade gnerrillas said on Wednesday they had formed a new fighting cell and declared war on NATO and the Italian state. may travel to the West to attend the funeral of an aunt, uncle or in-law. Previously the law provided only

Italian news agency Adukronos, said the 14th December Brigade, would be active throughout Italy. The brigade is named for the date that a of a sibling, parent or other imme-diate family member. The decree, the first formal revi-

the hard-line offshoot of the Red Brigades that claimed responsibility for the murder in April of a close aide of Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita Mr. De Mita told a parliamentary commission last mouth that about 70 Italian guerrillas were still at large.

reasons to deny applications to emigrate. These included broadly worded provisions saying that emi-BRUSSELS (Renters) — Zaire, locked in a diplomatic quarrel with legium, has ordered its state companies operating there to withdraw, the gration could be barred if the nation's security, economy or public order were likely to be damaged if a

The agency, monitored by the Belgian news agency Belga, quoted an official announcement that said all state-owned Zairean frims with

For the Record

the application is rejected, and the North Korea accepted a South Korean proposal on Wednesday to postpone to Dec. 29 their talks on easing tensions, officials in Seoul said. South Korea said the delay was necessary because of changes in its The measure, which takes effect

TRAVEL UPDATE

A Fifth Paris Métro Line May Close

as French strikers pursued their war of nerves with the government. Four Métro lines were closed Wednesday, two others were slowed, and only 30 to 60 percent of trains were running on two suburban express

ccording to Transport Minister Jürgen Warnke. He said Tuesday that the project would require 700 million Deutsche marks (\$402 million). A working group will present its solutions early next year for ways to cope with an estimated doubling in air traffic by the

Italian atriine pilots began a three-day protest over pay Wednesday with two-hour daily strikes that are expected to curb flights on Alitalia. The state airline said it had canceled more than 50 domestic and European

Nigeria Airways dismissed 3,000 workers Wednesday, a third of the work force, in a bid to keep the bankrupt carrier operating. Police with anti-riot gear surrounded the airline's headquarters in Lagos. The airline

The number of Japanese tourists planning to go abroad during the year-end holidays is estimated at 394,000, up 15.2 percent over a year earlier, the Japan Travel Bureau reported Wednesday. Officials ascribed the sharp increase to lower traveling costs because of the year's strength

Brussels transport unions struck for one day, starting at midnight Wednesday, a few hours after the Belgian government staved off a nationwide civil servant strike. Other sporadic walkouts by public servant strike.

Gorbachev Wants Early 1989 Meeting With Bush in U.S.

By Michael Dobbs

MOSCOW - President Mikhail S. Gorbachev hopes to arrange his first formal summit meeting with the future U.S. president, George Bush, in the first half of next year in the United States, according to a senior Kremlin aide.

The eagerness to hold an early meeting reflects Soviet satisfaction with the results of Mr. Gorbachev's visit to New York last week. Although the visit had to be cut short because of the earthquake in Armenia, Mr. Gorbachev scored a public relations triumph by promising to cut back the Soviet armed forces by half a million men.

The senior Soviet official said that Mr. Gorbachev also hoped to complete his tour by rescheduling visits to Cuba and Britain for January 1989.

Soviet foreign policy strategists from Mr. Gorbachev down have made clear their wish to avoid any interruption in the U.S.-Soviet dialogue as a result of the change of

administration in Washington. But at the same time, they do not want to give the impression that Moscow is trying to pressure Mr. Bush into taking hasty decisions on relations between the superpowers.

A Soviet official who was in New York last week said that Mr. Gorbachev's meeting with President Ronald Reagan and Vice President Bush went extremely well. He said that the Soviet leader did not try to extract specific commitments on U.S.-Soviet relations from the president-

In the view of Western analysts in Moscow, the Soviet approach to the meeting displayed considerable sophistication about the way American politics work. Rather than trying to nail Mr. Bush down to specifics, Mr. Gorbachev made skillful use of American news organizations to encourage the incoming administration to focus on rela-

tions with Moscow from an early date. According to diplomatic protocol, Mr. Gorbachev's

two-day stay in New York was considered part of his official visit to the United Nations. Soviet and U.S. officials agree that it should not be regarded as a Soviet response to Mr. Reagan's trip to Moscow last May.

Acknowledging that it was now the Soviet president's turn to visit the United States, the senior Soviet official said he saw no reason why Mr. Gorbachev's first summit meeting with Mr. Bush should be held in a third country. The first two meetings between Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev took place on neutral ground: in Geneva in November 1985 and in Reykjavik, the Icelandic capital, in

"These summits should be quite normal meetings that take place alternately in each other's country," the official

He said he expected the talks to cover strategic disarmament, picking up on proposals for a 50 per cent cut in nuclear weapons, and conventional disarmament.

Disputed Soviet Radars Will Go, U.S. Asserts

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The Soviet Union has informed the United States that it is destroying several old transportable radars that Washington says violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, Reagan administration officials said.

The officials quoted the Soviets as saying that the destruction of the radars, based near Moscow and the Belorussian city of Gomel, began Friday and would be carried out in a way that is easily observable by U.S. spy satellites. The Soviet assurances were pro-

vided in Soviet-American talks on the treaty that ended Monday. Administration officials said Tuesday that the decision, when carried out, would satisfy American concerns. But no progress was made on the

more important Krasnoyarsk radar in central Siberia, which the United States asserts violates a key provision of the ABM treaty. The old radars that the Soviet

asserted that they were a technical violation of the 1972 treaty.

the Washington summit meeting last December between Mikhail S. Reagan. It was repeated in an ad- suming the negotiations.

ministration report to Congress several days before Mr. Gorbachev visited New York last week.

The developments on the Soviet radar come amid signs that the administration of President-elect George Bush is considering delaying the start of the next round of strategic arms talks pending a broad strategic review.

The United States appears to have backed sway from its original suggestion that the next round of strategic arms talks begin Feb. 15. That date was proposed by U.S. arms negotiators before the talks recessed last month.

Brent Scowcroft, whom Mr. Bush has chosen as his White House national security adviser, has said that the United States should move very cautiously on strategic arms control issues ontil the Bush administration makes key weapon decisions, like whether to build a new mobile land-based missile dubbed Midgetman.

He has argued that the Senate is Union says it is destroying are unlikely to approve a new strategic deemed to be of little military significance. But the radars assumed istration develops plans to deploy considerable political importance new weapons, like the Midgetman, last year when the administration that are designed to elude destruction in a surprise attack.

Mr. Scowcroft has not said pub-That assertion was made before licly that the next round of talks should be delayed, but he is reported to have privately expressed con-Gorbachev and President Ronald cerns about the early date for re-

Scholz Deputy Quits in Rift Over Suspension of Flights

BONN — The second-ranking lowed the crash of the U.S. jet Nov. guaranteeing a right to do so. official in West Germany's De- 8 in a residential neighborhood of The decree was not expected. fense Ministry said Wednesday he Remscheid, near Düsseldorf. The had resigned because of a dispute crash killed five civilians and the over his decision to suspend mili- American pilot and prompted a re-

The dispute, between Defense Minister Rupert Scholz and his chief deputy, Peter-Kurt Würz-bach, occurred after Mr. Würzbach announced the suspension of lowlevel West German training flights

Mr. Scholz was in the United States when the announcement was made and reportedly objected to

Quake Hits Albanian Coast

ATHENS — An earthquake shook the southern Albanian coast-

The decree was not expected to lead to a substantial increase in numbers of travelers or emigrants tary training flights following the crash of a U.S. jet.

newed public ontery over military training flights in West Germany. and Western diplomats said. The North Atlantic Treaty Orga-

On Mondsy, Major General Marcus A. Anderson, commander of the U.S. Third Air Force based

until the end of the year.

al city of Saranda and its environs near the Greek border Wednesday

in effect, informally, since early 1986. The number of East German nization followed the West German lead and also suspended practravelers to the West has increased tice flights over West Germany dramatically in the past two and a took the action in response to

Mr. Würzbach, whose title is parliamentary undersecretary for defense, announced his resignation country and from West Germany. at a meeting of West German military officers in Würzburg.

Wall, are by far the largest single cause of popular discontent in East Germany. A large percentage of the nation's 16.5 million citizens have in Britain, said NATO's suspension of the practice flights would cause some pilots to fall behind in their relatives in West Germany, and the combination of legal restrictions and the lack of hard currency make training and would reduce the readiness of NATO. family visits difficult.

dural guarantees for citizens who will be given to him," his office said in a statement apply to leave the country. A government decree, published in the state-controlled newspapers, broadened the detailed rules govments, or kibbutzim. erning when a citizen is permitted to visit the West for "urgent family

A document bearing traditional Red Brigades slogans, sent to the

gnerrilla was killed in Rome four years ago, The document called for the renewal of the Fighting Com-

Zairean Companies to Leave Brussels

Zaire news agency, AZAP, reported Wednesday.

representatives in Belgium should transfer to other European capitals.

Relations between the two countries phunged early this month after.

Zaire rejected a Belgian offer to waive and reschedule various parts of its. debt, saying Belgium was seeking to recolonize the country.

Jan. 1, marks the the first time since East Germany was founded in 1949

PARIS (AFP) -- Paris transportation remained congested Wednesday and a fifth line was threatened with shutdown before the end of the west

lines, despite government optimism that the stoppages were trailing off. Most unions representing transport workers and civil servants accepted a wage agreement proposed by the government last week, but the Communist-led General Confederation of Labor, or CGT, is sticking to its demand for a monthly 1,000-franc (\$170) increase.

said the new regulations offered "a bit more calculability and transparence." But she criticized the decree Bonn to Expand Air Control System for merely outlining circumstances under which a citizen "can" travel or emigrate, instead of specifically

DUSSELDORF (Reuters) — West Germany's air control system will, be reorganized and expanded to cope with a steep rise in traffic.

morning flights over the next two days. Long-distance flights were no

earlier sharply reduced overseas flights after accidents grounded some aircraft and two others were seized for nonpayment of debts. It has been denied over-flight rights by some countries for refusing to pay its bills.

ized and enforced by the Berlin against the U.S. dollar.

agents were reported in various parts of the country.

NAMIBIA: In Pact, a Reflection of New Soviet Foreign Policy Outlook Torture on Rise ed by President Mikhail S. Gorba-

atoli L. Adamishin, lavishing praise

on each other in the ornate Congolese People's Palace at the signing ceremony on Tuesday.

Mr. Adamishin's comments in

the ceremonies and in a subsequent news conference amounted to 2 tacit admission of the failure of the Soviet policy in Africa, which for years hinged on the necessity of backing its African allies in civil wars against anti-Communist guer-rillas supported either by the United States or South Africa or both. With a bow to the policy of perestroika, or restructuring, promot-

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chev, Mr. Adamishin made clear that Moscow is no longer interested in squandering its resources on but-

signed by Angola, Cuba and South Africa, Mr. Adamishin said, was "very good in the broader context of Soviet policy — if you want, the new thinking by Comrade Gorba-Mr. Adamishin, the Kremlin's

chief Africa specialist, said the Soviet decision to involve itself in the Angola-Namibia negotiations and planning, all in the hopes of at-write its surrogate force of Cubans tracting desperately needed Westout of the region was not made lightly.
"We might have said that this is

an American participation, that we will have nothing to do with it," he said. "We didn't say it. We didn't move away from the Soviet Comhave jealousy. We wanted a solution in substance, a just solution." Although his remarks might have been construed by some in his audience as self-serving or disin-genuous, they appeared to reflect a been unthinkable for a Soviet offideep commitment by the Soviets to cial only a year or so ago, Mr.

Adamishin said at his news conferinvolvements in southern Africa's ence: "I personally don't think they regional conflicts, just as they have are going to build socialism in this tried to do in Afghanistan during a part of the world. There are few period of economic and social repeople in the Soviet Union who structuring at home.

helped influence — Angola's and Mozambique's own home-grown

brands of perestroika. In recent years, the government ressing Communism in Africa. of both countries, although still The Brazzaville agreement publicly avowing Marxism, have shifted dramatically away from Moscow's blueprint for newly inde-pendent African nations, tailoring their economies more closely to the requirements to qualify for World Bank assistance.

> dustries, decollectivized communal farms and decentralized economic ern investment and salvaging something out of the economic disaster of 13 years of Communist failures and debilitating civil wars. Their pragmatic attempts to

munist model for Africa and toward mixed economies acceptable to the West have not been opposed by their Soviet patrons.
In an admission that would have

tangible and clear their interest in would advise them to build a so-This strategic rethinking coincides with — and no doubt has conditions of Africa."

Mr. Adamishin was referring specifically to Namibia, but in the broader context of his remarks he left the impression that he was talk-

ing of southern Africa generally.
U.S. negotiators in the regional peace talks appear grateful for the Soviet role in the agreement, which will include observer status on a joint commission that will settle disputes over verification of the phased withdrawal of 50,000 Cu-They have privatized some inban troops from Angola as Namibia, as the territory of South-West Africa is known, makes the transition to independence. There is no doubt in one's mind

that the Soviets have indeed used their role and influence, not on two, but on the three parties to the agreement," Mr. Crocker said in an interview. He added: "I'm not going to use

the word pressure. That's not how diplomats talk." But, Mr. Crocker said, as the talks progressed over the last eight years, that the Soviets "made more

seeing this take place." For their part, South African officials have said that the removal of the Cubans as a military threat in the region and the shift in the Soviets' strategic interest in southern Africa were the major factors in Pretoria's decision to abandon the buffer territory of Namibia.

In Philippines, Rights Group Says

LONDON - Government to ture of suspected Communist to bels and sympathizers appears to be re-emerging as a "common prac-tice" in the Philippines, according to an Amnesty International report to be published Thursday.

The human rights organization, based in London, said recent testi-

mony, much of it supported by

medical evidence, indicated

growing incidence of torture in The document, titled Thilip pines: Incommunicado Detention Ill-Treatment and Torture During 1988," cites reports of military in telligence agents who have subject ed detainees to severe beatings, electric shocks, stabbings, near-sit focation with plastic bags or water.

and sexual abuse. "Amnesty International has not received evidence to suggest that torture is now practiced on a 575 tematic scale in the Philippines. the report said.

But it added that the organita-tion was concerned that accounts within the past 10 months soggest ed that torture "may be become common practice for certain mile

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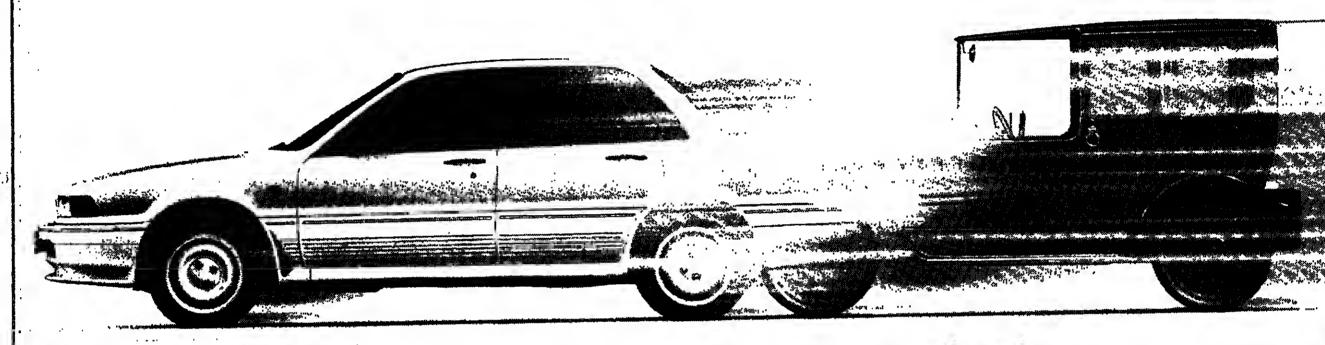
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Arab World Largely Negative On U.S. View of Arafat's Talk

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

CAIRO - Arab and Palestinian entators registered dismay and disappointment Wednesday at the U.S. response to a speech Tuesday by Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, offering peace talks with Is-

But despite private expressions of anger by some officials, moderate PLO figures and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt said they would continue to back a peace initiative rooted in what they depict as a new readiness for negotiation.

The operation should not be

complicated from the start." Mr. Muharak said. Mohamed Milhem. a member of the PLO's executive committee who is unaffiliated to any faction, said in Amman, Jordan, that the organization would continue its peace drive "to the end without losing hope."
In his speech to the UN General

embly in Geneva, Mr. Arafat called on Israel to open peace talks, but the United States said he failed to meet Washington's conditions for starting a dialogue with the PLO. The conditions are that he recognize Israel's right to exist and renounce all forms of terrorism.

"Arafat in his speech fulfilled all the points, and there is no need to say that he did not mention this or

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that Arafat dealt with all the points, including recognition of Is- as Washington wants him to be. rael as a state living in security along with a Palestinian state." The remarks echoed comments

Tuesday by King Hussein of Jordan, which is grouped with Egyptand Iraq in an emergent bloc of Arab countries pursuing avowedly moderate policies toward Israel. The comments seemed a muted,

public rebuke of the United States, but Egypt, the only Arab nation formally at peace with Israel and Washington's most prominent Arab ally, is unlikely to go further than that at the moment, Western omats said. The PLO declared a nominally

ident state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip last month, when it said that it regarded UN resolutions implying recognition of Israel as a basis for an international peace conference.

Israel has summarily dismissed the PLO's recent moves. And the widening gap between the United States and the moderate Arabs has created intensified Arab questioning of U.S. commitment to a peace process involving the PLO on any terms other than the organization's total submission.

In Bahrain, for instance, the newspaper Akhbar al-Khalij pub-lished a cartoon depicting Mr. Arafat as plucking out an eye and offering it to President Ronald Reagan - who is shown saying he

wants the other eye, too.
"Nobody can ask the Palestinians to offer more than they did to prove their genuine desire for peace," Egypt's government-owned Al-Akhbar newspaper said. A fundamental distinction be-

Fate of Reporter In Chad Oueried

PARIS - Amnesty Internation-

al has called for an investigation of reports that a correspondent for The Associated Press, Salet Gaba, has died in prison in Chad. The London-based human rights

organization said its reports sug-gested that Mr. Gaba died about six months ago, nearly a year after he was arrested and accused of tak-ing part in an armed rebellion. Michael Goldsmith, the North Africa correspondent for The As-

sociated Press, said he was unable

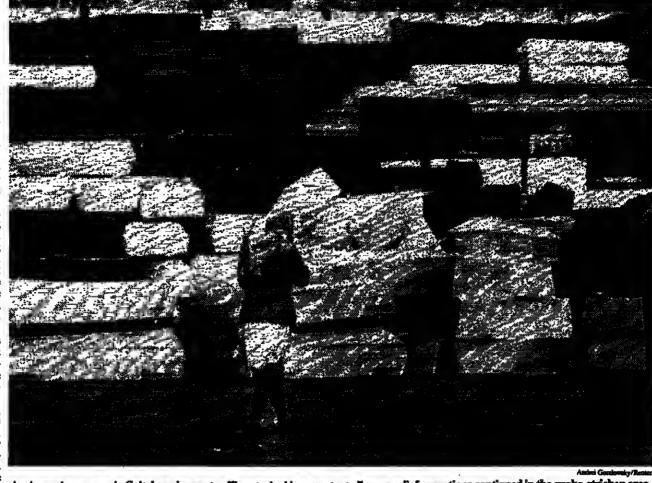
that point in a specific way," Mr. tween U.S. and Arab attistices lies Mubarak said. "I think it is enough in the approach to Mr. Arafar's in the approach to Mr. Arafat's consistent refusal to be as explicit

Arab commentators suggest that his avoidance of unequivocal language is part of a tactic to protect himself against more radical Palestinians and to retain bargaining chips at any peace talks.
U.S. attitudes toward Mr. Arafat

have thus deepened a feeling among moderate Palestinians and policymakers that nothing they do is enough to dent U.S. protection of Israel. They want him to do a total political striptease without asking the Israelis to take off their overcoats," said Assad Abdul Rahman, a Palestinian analyst in Amman.

Moreover, some Arab analysis argue that the longer the United States dismisses the Arafat overtures as inadequate, the greater the risk of a radical Palestinian backlash against Mr. Arafat.

In Damascus on Wednesday, Abu Musa's, an anti-Arafat PLO faction, called for his overthrow. But the more influential Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, led by Georges Habash said only that Israel was blocking peace



at a time when the PLO seeks it. An Armenian woman in Spitak pacing past coffins stacked in a sports stadium as relief operations continued in the quake-stricken area.

ISRAEL: U.S. Is Reported to Want Talks With PLO Iraq Is Abandoning

tion guaranteeing "the right of all

parties to the conflict to exist in

peace and security." He added, "And I mentioned including Pales-

tine, Israel and all the other oeigh-

Addressing a second U.S. condi-

tion for opening the proposed dia-logue, Mr. Arafat repeated that the solution should be negotiated at an

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ism, Mr. Arafat declared: "I repeat

for the record that we totally and

absolutely renounce all forms of

group and state terrorism. Between

Algiers and Geneva, we have made

According to Arab officials in Geneva, Mr. Andersson had told

our position crystal clear."

242 and 338.

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want to live in our Palestinian state and let live, and let live." Mr. Arafat spoke after a hectic

day during which the Swedish and Egyptian foreign ministers sought to rescue the collapsed deal with Washington, Egyptian and other Arab officials said. The last-minute campaign began when Foreign Minister Ismat Abd-

ul Magnid of Egypt telephoned Mr. Shultz from Geneva early Wednes-day to see if there was anything Mr. Arafat could do to reverse Washington's immediate rejection of the speech on Tuesday, the officials said.

Foreign Minister Sten Andersson of Sweden, who sought to orga-nize the PLO-U.S. agreement, also made an attempt, and there was talk of having Mr. Arafat make more explicit and conciliatory dec-terrorism, including individual, larations at his news conference on Wednesday night than those contained in his speech on Tuesday, the officials added.

In that strained context, Mr. to confirm rumors of Mr. Gaba's

Arafat read a statement to report

U.S. officials in Washington that
death.

Mr. Arafat would make these three

clear recognition of Israel's right to to announce willingness to open an exist, he recalled that the PLO's exploratory dialogue with the PLO, Nov. 15 decisions called for a solu-

Asked whether he used the same language in his speech as in the gnarantees on the three points passed along by Mr. Andersson, Mr. Arafat said, "I presented the ame meanings.

He explained further that in the English text of the Swedish-conveyed message and in the Arabic in the speech on Tuesday there were some changes of language and ex-pression, but not of meaning. The real problem, be asserted, was that And referring to a third U.S. the United States was seeking ob-demand, that he renounce terror-stacles through its insistence on stacles through its insistence on specific formulas.

He added, "There is an Egyptian proverb that says if we want to find fault, we can find fault even with a

Mr. Andersson, in a speech before the General Assembly, also seemed to suggest that the Reagan administration was looking for problems rather than solutions. He said Mr. Arafat's speech explained that the PLO was willing to negotiate on the basis of Resolutions 242 and 338, that it "undertakes to respect the right of Israel to exist" and that it condemned terrorism.

"This can in our view not be misunderstood, not even by the most suspicious," Mr. Andersson said. "On this basis we now feel that the ground has been prepared for the initiation of a dialogue between the United States and the

Arab officials said Mr. Arafat appeared Wednesday to believe hand, eliminated deprivation and that he was being pushed too far by enabled the weak to keep up. bringing into question his honor. At one point during the discussions, they said, the PLO chairman asked colleagues, "Do you take me for Sadat?

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, who signed a peace treaty with Israel in return for recovering the Sinai, was regarded by many Palestinian leaders as a traitor who lost personal stature by giving in too easily and often to Israeli demands.

In addition, Mr. Arafat has always been obliged to maneuver with an eye to his own harder-line associates and followers as well as to Europe and the United States, the officials said. Nayer Hawatmeh of the Democratic Front for the Liberatioo of Palestine and tine both issued statements over the weekend accusing Mr. Arafat of exceeding the Algiers decisions in offering recognition of Israel.

■ U.S. Vetoes UN Resolution The United States vetoed a Security Council resolution on Wednesday that strongly deploted an Is-raeli land, air and sea attack last week against Lebanese territory, Reuters reported from the United Nations in New York.

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By Ihsan A. Hijazi New York Times Service

BEIRUT - Iraq has announced that it is abandoning a pipeline that once carried one-third of its crude oil to the Mediterranean coast through Syria.

The government of Iraq has totally abandoned plans to reactivate the trans-Syria pipeline," the Iraqi oil minister, Isam Chalabi, told the Saudi daily Asharq al-Awsat in an interview. We have dropped this pipeline from our future plans, and we have no intention of revising this decision."

The appeared to throw a damper on recent speculation about a possible thaw in relations between Baghdad and Damascus,

King Hussein of Jordan has been engaged in mediation to clear the inter-Arab atmosphere in general,

erned by rival wings of the Arab Beath Socialist Party. Syria shut off the pipeline in April 1982 as it sided with Iran in the Gulf War. Syria's official expla-nation was that the transit royalties it was receiving from Iraq were not

The 40-year-old pipeline, extending 600 miles (970 kilometers) from the Kurkuk oil fields in the Kurdish Mountains in northern Good ties meant Iraqi crude oil

the trans-Syria pipeline each year. ing belongings.

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Residents and tries had to look for alternatives.

QUAKE: A Combat Zone

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ome imagining the cries of trapped children. · Buildings suptured and spilling their intimate contents - cribs,

sewing machines, overstuffed armchairs - into the streets. Seven corpses laid out along an excavation site in Leninakan, covered with curtains and paper and a

raincost, while two women sat nearby hugging and weeping.

Thousands of coffins. Coffins of cheap plywood and cardboard, coffins painted black or red, stacked in family groups on the sidewalk with the tiny ones on top, or arranged in vast pyramids under

the undisturbed stame of Lenin. The unsupervised and unobstructed tour, in a region recently closed to foreigners because of eth-nic unrest, was a sharp departure from the usual restrictions imposed on Western correspondents.

In recent days, Soviet officials have allowed journalists to travel at will, presumably knowing that world attention is essential to keep up the flow of international aid. Foreign relief workers were among those most shocked by the

magnitude of the destruction and especially by the conspicuous negligence that allowed so many thou-- the official estimate is 55,000 - to be crushed to death in their homes, schools and offices. The survival rate of people in

these buildings has been very small," said Paul Quick, a London fireman who also aided in the 1985 Mexico City earthquake. "They are mostly volcanic blocks, loosely put together and of dubious construction. That is why the devastation here far outclasses Mexico, or anything else."

Rescuers said that even after seven days of freezing weather, they

were finding a few survivors, but hope was quickly fading. "We're not finding people alive," said Mr. Quick. "We're finding people dead. I'm becoming a pro-fessional undertaker." sufficient to pay for the pipeline's

Authorities seemed to be bracing for the transition from resone to evacuation, and some admitted privately that they expected resistance. Strict curfews lifted earlier Iraq to the Syrian Mediterranean this week were reimposed Tuesday terminal of Banias, has been a barrometer of Syria-Iraqi relations, and the quake-damaged cities. Tanks and soldiers wearing bulletyear, about one-third of Iraq's total production, once flowed through the trans-Svris pineline and to Leninakan, limiting access to residents with trucks who have come to salvage their factors.

Residents and relief workers said that food supplies were adequate,

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NORTH: Scandinavians Pondering Their Good Life with ideas eventually transplanted

to their own countries. But no welfare state has reached the refinement of those in the Nordie region, where a bewildering array of benefits has distribute wealth with a remarkably even

A recently published University of Pennsylvania survey that rated the social progress of 124 countries ranked Denmark first, Sweden fifth and Norway seventh. (The

United States was listed 27th.) Life expectancy is higher, infant mortality lower, literacy more widespread and average household incomes greater than anywhere else A hotel doorman in Sweden may

earn half the salary of a university professor, but both probably have at least a modest country house and a boat to go with it. But a growing number of Scandinavians have become uneasy about both the economic and social cost

In an increasingly competitive Georges Habash of the Popular international climate and at a time Front for the Liberation of Pales when individual enterprise is applauded elsewhere, there is worry that the welfare state may have overwhelmed what little ren of individual initiative. The forces that press conformity, they fear, might now be too excessive.

of such benefits.

The triple-glazed windows that now keep the Arctic cold at bay and living rooms cozy, the Volvo sedans that cruise well-maintained Nordic roads, the rich department store displays and the security of a land where the doctor sends no bills and a college education is free all reflect undisputed achievement. But in more than 40 interviews, followers of Scandinavia's political left repeatedly questioned the wisdom of a system that, for all its material success, seems somehow

to have fallen short, to have left a The mood in no way signals the end of the welfare state, however. In a state apparatus so huge that more than half the voters now depend on the government for their principal source of income, there are powerful forces to retain the

status quo. For the first time since the welfare states were born, however, disenchantment extends across the entire political rainbow.

The sense of disillusionment is most visible in Denmark, where a deepening pessimism hangs over the flat Juliand pestureland and islands to the east like a dark, gathering cloud. It is in Denmark that Scanding-

and it is in Denmark that the disquiet is most visible.
"It's a spiritual vacuum, a vacuum of moral values," said Hans
Hertle, a professor of Danish literature at Copenhagen University and
a lifetime Social Democrat. "As a

The extent of changes under way
in Scandinavia is most visibly re-

alarm that the spending binge trig-greed by North Sea oil riches in the last 15 years has left the govern-ment with lunge obligations and its people out of touch with their

peatedly cropped up to describe the of this movement is a blunt busireduced savings and a disturbing attitude among younger people that the government owes them a

decent living.
In a region barely three generations from a collective rural poverty trap, however, the present dis-

We have undervalued the importance of challenge.'

Tage Skou-Hanson,

Danish novelist. quiet is more than economic. It is also fucled by a feeling that wealth and prosperity have made it too

easy for those entrusted with the nal future. "Maybe it's wrong to remove all the stones from life's path," said the Danish novelist Tage Skou-Hanson, "We have undervalued

the importance of challenge."

The opportunity afforded womon in the Nordic welfare states has also proven a two-edged sword. On one side, a recent study by the Washington-based Population Crisis Committee assessing the quality of life for women in 99 nations ranked Sweden first, with both Norway and Denmark in the

top 10. At the same time, however, Denmark's adult female suicide rate is nearly 40 percent higher than that of any other Western country, and Sweden's rate is above the European average.
Danish women have found it

very hard adjusting to not seeing their families," said Unni Bille-Brahe, a psychiatrist at Odense University Hospital, who has studied the problem.

There is also now evidence to suggest that weakening family links, bluring sex roles in a society where the majority of women now work, and the speed of social change may also have accelerated this phenomenon.

The economic difficulties that evident in Sweden, but other events have caused a similar kind of soul-

via's first welfare state took root, The assassination in 1986 of

nation, we seem to have lost faith in flected in the rise of political parties - radical in the Nordic context In Norway, the crisis is more — that for the first time directly urgent, dominated by a sense of challenge the consensus that has

protected the welfare from serious scrutiny.

With 10 percent to 20 percent of public support in recent opinion In interviews with members of among an unsettled electorate in parliament in Oslo, the phrase "completely un-Norwegian" repeatedly cropped up to describe the property of the

nessman, Carl Hagan, 44, who as leader of the Norwegian Progress (Party argues that the welfare state has undermined traditional values. The welfare state is a complete failure." Mr. Hagen said during an interview in his cramped, cluttered Oslo parliamentary office. "Nor-

tion. We have to concentrate on winners, not losers." His calls for a greater sense of individual responsibility and a re-turn to traditional homespun values, such as more respect for the elderly, have helped generate an appeal that makes him a formida-ble political force in the country.

lot of old truths. We need competi-

is have to start rethinking a

Young people need challenges, not sociologists to tell them about their rights," Mr. Hagen said. "I say to young people. You have duties, not rights. There's an attitude in the younger generation that shows they are not taught to have responsibility for themselves." Indeed, Mr. Hagen's challenge

goes beyond the welfare state to take on the heart of Scandinavia's "Jante law."

Why is it, when everyone wants to be rich, that it can be wrong for someone to succeed?" he asked someone makes it in Silicon Valley or in American business, he's con-sidered a good man, and you look up to him. In Norway, it's the other way around - you get a negative

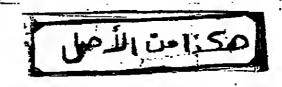
"When a society gets into that way of thinking," he said, "it takes a hell of a long time and a lot of effort to to change it." After a brief pause, Mr. Hagen concluded, "I'm trying to change

Swiss Raid Frees Iranian Consul

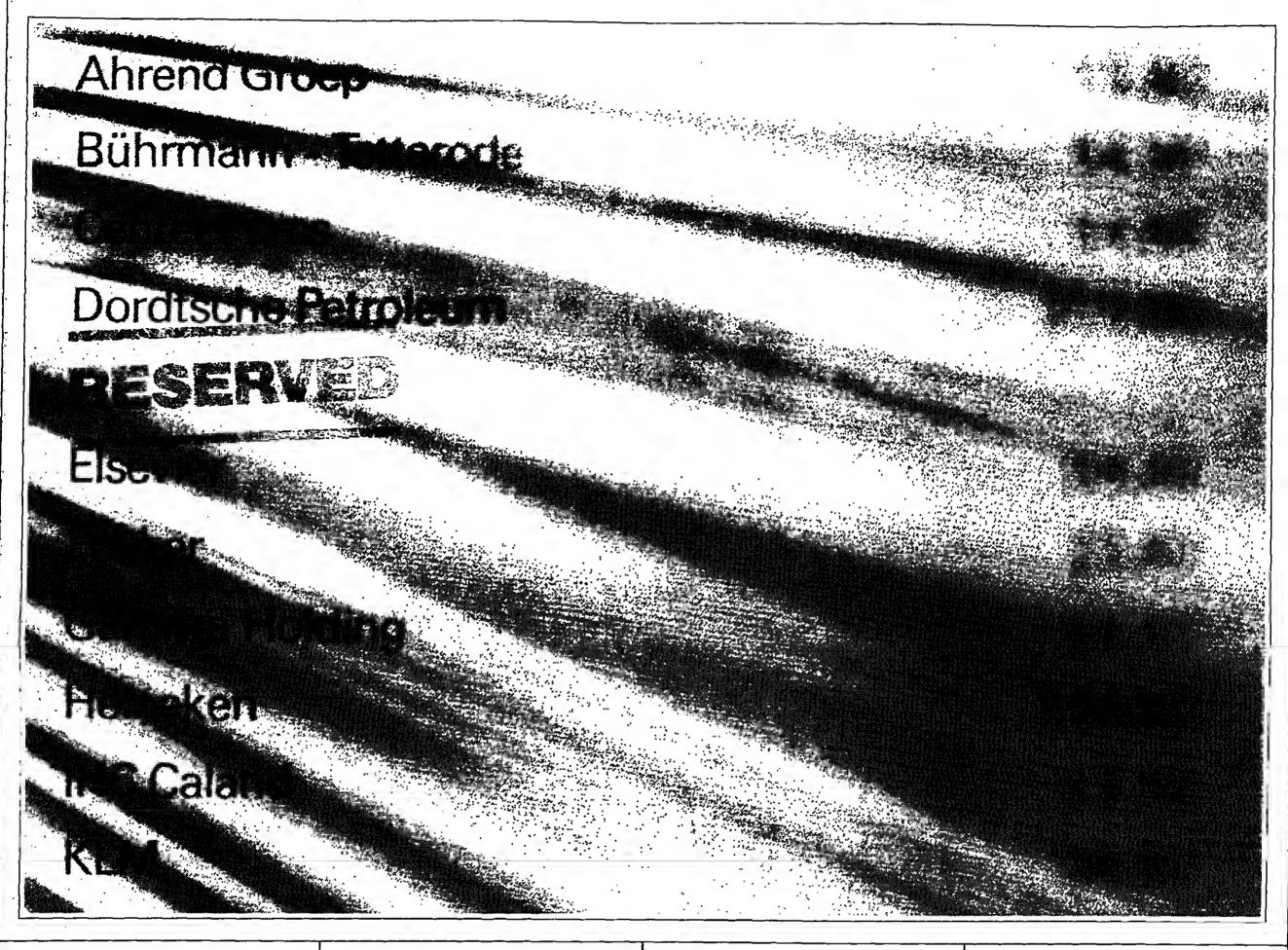
The Associated Press GENEVA - The police subdued and arrested at least six Iranians who occamied Iran's consulate and held the consul and three others hostage five hours Wednesday grip Norway and Denmark are less in protest against the Iranian gov-

A Geneva police spokesman said the police stormed the third-floor consulate from adjacent windows, Prime Minister Olof Palme and a without using weapons. He said series of subsequent scandals have four of the protesters were arrested shaken Swedish self-confidence, and two were released and that all and two were released and that all 1,8 were Iranians living in Europe.

The protesters said they represented the Organization of Fedayeen Guerrillas of the Iranian People, a Marxist group. They had appealed for a meeting with the UN secretary-general, Javier Pèrez. de Cuellar.



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UN Official Wants the World to Breathe Easier

PARIS - Mostafa K. Tolba is in a hurry. He is hustling, he says, to give the world more breathing

On Jan. 1, an international ozone so far in his role as executive direc-tor of the United Nations Environ-

Within a few months, Mr. Tolba hopes to put together an accord regulating international shipments of hazardous waste, although he faces a huge political battle with the developed countries that produce most of it. He also hopes to set up a global warning system for tox- age to the ozone layer will continue.

has embarked on his biggest chal-said. "When they get there they lenge — an international treaty to simply eat the ozone molecules, limit and delay the worldwide they devour them with great relish. warming proces

"You may think I'm fond of treaties," he said by way of mild understatement during an inter
New York Times Service dations, to their governments and istry cycles, depletion of the strate view in Paris. "But I do want to get legally binding instruments that commit governments to work to al science academies of the United sether to do specific things over a States and the Soviet Union, warnlegally binding instruments that ertain period of time."

ing that the Earth's "ecological security" is now endangered, have certain period of time."

United Nations backwater that has, under his direction, become one of the political hot spots of the world organization. Mikhael S. Gorbachev's appeal at the UN vironment and report its conclu-General Assembly for internationsions, along with policy recommen-

al cooperation on the global envi-ronment highlighted the growing importance of the issue. Each single molecule of gas can destroy 10,000 ozone molecules."

Although the harmful gases will

Mr. Tolba, 66, an Egyptian botanist, is the chief architect of the sols as a result of the accord, they agreement, signed in Montreal in September 1987, to limit gases repact takes effect. That's Mr. Tol-ba's most important achievement so far in his role as executive direc-80 percent of the world's consumption of ozone-destroying gases are expected to be members of the con-

> The agreement commits the signatories to halve production of the chlorofluorocarbon gases that destroy ozone by 1999. Even with the agreement, dam-

These gases take 15 to 20 years

WASHINGTON - The nation-

formed a joint Committee on Glob-

The committee will identify and

investigate threats to the global en-

al Ecology Concerns.

be eliminated from domestic sero-

Mr. Tolba said harmless refrigerants were close to becoming commercially viable, while it may take six or seven years to develop substitutes for the electronics industry. However, be said, the amount of destructive gases used in the manufacturer of microelectronic circuits can be dramatically reduced by using existing techniques more effi-

Mr. Tolba hopes to have a treaty regulating shipments of toxic wastes ready in time for a meeting And now, re-elected earlier this before they reach the level where of environmental ministers in Bamonth to a new four-year term, he the ozone is dispersed," Mr. Tolba sel, Switzerland, in March.

"I am not going to be a party to any window dressing," he said. "We want a good treaty."

won support for regulations that would require countries exporting toxic wastes to take them back if they cannot be disposed of safely.

The proposed treaty would iden-tify countries that refuse to accept toxic waste, and it would be an offense to ship hazardous materials

Mr. Tolba hopes the treaty will discourage the shipping of such waste altogether. We want to make it difficult to move the waste," he said, "to push people into producing less of it." He conceded that this was likely to lead to conflict with the developed nations, which want to be free to ship their waste to Third World countries under controlled conditions.

Mr. Tolba said he thought that a hazardous waste treaty could be in

phone to Washington, members of both academies said that the formation of the committee in the effect of population growth on ecology. the growing seriousness with which degradation of the global environ-.

ment is viewed by scientists. Among the issues the panel will consider are global warming and global energy and biological chem-

dations, to their governments and to international organizations.

At a news conference Tuesday in

academies said, "The consequences of the rapid growth of our population coupled with global economic development now pose a significant threat to our continued exis-

ach single molecule of gas can estroy 10,000 ozone molecules."

Developing countries, upset by In the meantime, bessid, the UN scandals over the dumping of hazenvironment Program is seeking to ardous wastes on their soil, have set up what he called a "red flag" tion needed to decide whether or not to allow the importation of dangerous substances.

Mr. Tolba, whose headquarters are in Nairobi, was in Paris to attend an international meeting to set up a system for coping with devastating industrial accidents, such as the 1976 chemical plant explosion in Seveso, Italy, and the 1984 gas leak in Bhopal, India.

"If I am a man in a hurry, there is one thing 1 should really be in a hurry for," Mr. Tolba said, "and that is to achieve a treaty on global warming. This is my main hope, my

The Environment Program and the World Meteorological Organi-zation have started to lay the foundations for such a treaty by preparing a joint stody on climate

"We should have the full scien-

A native of Amherst, Massachu-

setts, where his father was a profes-

sor of Romance languages at Am-herst Collge, Mr. Symington grew up in Baltimore and joined the army in World War I, serving as a

second lieutenant at the age of 17,

He was graduated from Yale University after the war and in 1924 manied Evelyn Wadsworth, the daughter of a Republican senator from New York. Their wedding

was one of the social events of the

reception for 2,000 guests,

year in Washington, followed by a

tific picture by the summer of 1990, be added, "I hope in turn the second World Climate Conference in Geneva in 1990 from a technical discussion into a policy conference. 1 sincerely hope that the Environment Program will then be able to negotiate a treaty by which governments will commit themselves to take specific measures to prevent global warming."

Yeutter, a Reagan Holdover, Named with information on about 40 of the most toxic chemicals. He said this would give them the informa-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - Presidentelect George Bush, recruiting again from the Reagan administration, named Clayton K. Yentter on Wednesday as secretary of agricul-

"He is quite simply the best man for this very important job," Mr. Bush said. "Our shared national goal of free agricultural trade and expanded agricultural exports abroad will have no greater advo-

He said that Mr. Yeutter's ap-pointment would "send a significant message to our trading partners abroad because I know his commitment to opening markets

Mr. Yentter said Mr. Bush was one of the few people who could have persuaded him to remain in government rather than return to the private sector.

"I really had intended to return to the private sector at the conclusion of the Reagan administra-tion," Mr. Yeutter said. Mr. Bush also said "it would surprise me" if an FBI check had furned up anything to preclude John G. Tower from being defense

Mr. Bush said he was confident that the Texas Republican, a for-mer Senate Armed Services Committee chairman, could do an excel-lent job "if I decide to go that

The former Texas senator met with Mr. Bush's counsel, C. Boyden Gray, to review material developed by the FBI during an extensive ekground check, and Bush officials said the investigation was at

Mr. Yeutter, who served three years in the post of U.S. trade representative, is the fifth holdover from the Reagan administration to be appointed by Mr. Bush.

He has aggressively promoted U.S. agricultural interests in international markets in recent years and enjoys wide support for the agriculture post among farm-state Mr. Bush made the announce

ment at a news conference focusing heavily on foreign policy issues. He hinted his administration tions to ope would seek a delay in February's U.S. goods.

resumption of arms control talks with the Soviet Union.

"There is no way that we are going to have by Feb. 15 or 16 a detailed point-by-point program on arms talks," Mr. Bush said.

"We are going to start working vigorously and I will send whatever signal it takes," he said. "I am interested in progress but I want it to be prudent. I want whatever steps we take to be lasting."

Mr. Bush said his advisers still had not completed assessing President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's announcement of a 500,000 cutback in Soviet forces, a reduction of about 10 percent in troop strength.

On other issues, Mr. Bush:

Said that he expected to name a black person to his cabinet.

· Said that Vice President-elect Dan Quayle's role would be "very much like the Reagan-Bush rela-tionship." He said Mr. Quayle would be a "key player" in national security affairs if he wants to be and that there may be specific assignments in other areas.

· Said that he had not considcred how to pay for cleaning up U.S. nuclear weapons production plants. He also said he had not yet addressed the problem of the homeless in America, which he called "a national sham

Mr. Bush spent part of his day meeting with labor leaders and with women from inside and outside government. He said he was "determined to have an adminis tration that's broadly representative" of all groups.

"That clearly means that there will be active women in high levels of the administration," Mr. Bush

Mr. Yeutter, 58, a former Ne-braska farmer, was chief executive officer of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and served in the Agri-culture Department and as deputy trade representative in the adu tration of President Gerald R.

During his term as trade representative, Mr. Yeutter used a combination of diplomacy and threats of retaliatory sanctions to persuade the Japanese and other Asian nations to open up their markets to

Ex-Senator Symington Is Dead at 87 both the Armed Services and For- ton supported such measures as

By Bart Barnes Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON - W. Stuart

Symington, 87, a Missouri Demo-crat who served 24 years in the U.S. Senate before retiring in 1977, died of a heart ailment Wednesday at his home in New Caanan, Connect-

Mr. Symington was also the first secretary of the Air Force, serving from 1947 - when the Air Force became a separate service — until 1950. In 1960 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the presidential nomination, then was mentioned prominently as a vice presidential candidate before the post was of-fered to Lyndon B. Johnson.

In his four Senate terms, Mr. Symington went from staunch supporter of military preparedness and advocate of a large nuclearequipped Air Force to firm oppo-nent of U.S. military involvement

As the only senator to serve on AUTHORS WANTED By N.Y. PUBLISHER

eign Relations Committees, he was gun control, consumer protection, an influential force for deescala abortion aid, legal services for the an influential force for de-escalapoor and a variety of human wel-fare legislation. tion and withdrawal from the war in Southeast Asia, which he came to believe was both irrelevant to

U.S. security and futile, wrong and harmful for the nation's economy. Similarly, although Mr. Syming-ton had solidly supported foreign aid during his early Senate years, he came to oppose many such mea-sures during the Nixon presidency, arging that the United States was mitted militarily and eco-

nomically worldwide.

"There has to be a viable economy with a strong dollar," be argued. "And there has to be faith in the system and confidence of the people in their government. Without the second and third, military strength is not security.

policy. But they worry that stiff competition inside the single mar-

ket will generate protectionist pres-

sures from European industry,

unions and perhaps some govern-

ments that the commission and the more free-trading EC members will be powerless to contain.

Inside the community itself,

some economists and consumer

groups have another fear: that pro-

tectionist forces could delay or di-

ter the initial emphoria that 1992

inspired in many parts of the com-

munity, and particularly among its

southern European members, they are now bracing for a backlash.

started. In France, the enthusias

that permeated government and business earlier this year has begun

In West Germany, public opin-

the community abolished internal

tariffs to achieve customs union in

1968 alternative barriers to trade

quickly sprang up to replace them.

cial said, "one had every right and

and relatively more integrated eco-

nomic zone. But other barriers replaced the customs tariffs."

"After the removal of customs barriers," a senior European offi-

Some would say it has already

lute the single market itself. European officials admit that af-

Mr. Symington began his busi-ness career in Rochester, New York, with a railroad equipment

TRADE: Specter of a Post-1992 Fortress Europe Creates Wide Anxiety

The Changing Share of World Trade Total value of world trade in goods and services, excluding Eastern Europe and U.S.S.R., in billions of U.S. dollars. 1987 Total \$3,210

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to yield to a more anxious analysis There are now almost Luddite apprehensions being expressed by people in individual sectors ion is increasingly concerned about a lowering of the country's high throughout the community and the traditional protectionist lobbies are standards for goods and services, very active," a European official and a weakening of its environmen-

Although the community has been criticized for not thwarting Groups ranging from French lawyers to Italian bankers and West German food producers are fears of a Fortress Europe by adlooking for ways to protect them- dressing the external implies scives from increased competition of the single market sooner, offi-from their European neighbors. Economists point out that after

ly "to avoid waking this particular That "dog" now backs with the voice of European special interests demanding protection from the outside world as the price of dismentling internal barriers.

But some of those who are most reason to expect that the communi-ty would by now be a much freer ed States, do not believe that a Fortress Europe might be built almost by accident, in haphazard re-sponses to powerful lobbics.

there is an ideological element to American concern about Fortress Europe," said Alexis Jacquemin, economics professor at the University of Leavest in Italy, for example, in some areas companies cannot be a concern about Fortress Europe, said Alexis Jacquemin, economics professor at the University of Leavest in Italy, for example, in some areas companies cannot be a concern about Fortress Europe, said Alexis Jacquemin, economics professor at the University of Leavest in Italy, for example, in some areas companies cannot be a concern about Fortress Europe, said Alexis Jacquemin, economics professor at the university of Leavest in Italy, for example, in some areas companies cannot be a concern about Fortress Europe, said Alexis Jacquemin, economics professor at the university of Leavest in Italy, for example, in some areas companies cannot be a concern about Fortress Europe, said Alexis Jacquemin, economics professor at the university of Leavest in Italy, for example, in some areas companies cannot be a concern about Fortress Europe, said Alexis Jacquemin, economics professor at the university of Leavest in Italy, for example, in some areas companies cannot be a concern about the concern and the c min, economics professor at the University of Louvain in Belgium and an economic advisor by the spirit of the interest and t

"While the Japanese are more pragmatic about 1992," be said, "some of the American media tend to think it has overtones of socialist Much the same concern has been

voiced by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain, who says her Conservative government did not rid the British economy of regulations and controls to see them replaced by dirigisme from Brussels. Looking to the community's past performance for guidance about its intentions, critics cite the largely

French-inspired Common Agricultural Policy as clear evidence of EC protectionist tendencies. Outside the farm sector, a recent study by the International Monetary Fund said the EC accounted for about half the "voluntary" ex-

port restraints applied by industrial

countries to protect their markets. The number had doubled from September 1987 to April 1988. But the development that has rung the loudest warning bells for the community's trading partners EC after 1992. has been its commitment to "reciprocity" as it frees its internal mar-ket.

Manufactures \$1.643 Source: GATT

> market is in principle unobjectionable. But it would be disturbing if a united Europe was more protectionist than the individual

The single

European countries.' Sidney Golt, a former

British trade negotiator.

trading system.

It will apply reciprocity only where international rules do not exist - largely in the service sector, in areas like banking and insurance — and it will use the principle m open other markets not to close its

The community's point is that if other countries benefit from economies of scale in its single market, as it hopes they will, they must offer equivalent access to their markets. But neither the United States nor Japan is fully reassured.

The danger of this approach is that legitimate differences in national regulatory regimes could be used to justify discrimination against foreign firms," the deputy secretary of the U.S. Treasury, M. Peter McPherson, said recently. Two sectors have become the nn-

official test cases of the Community's intentions: banking and cars. For banks, the community will banks want the same freedoms as community banks to operate in the

But the commission says that the delay gives foreign banks plenty of TOMORROW: Protectionism untime to establish subsidiaries in the der a new guise — national security.

community that will have the same rights as their European rivals. In rejecting pressure to make the rules retroactive, the commission says, it chose the course of open-

ness over protectionism.
But until the final banking rules are adopted, the community's partners are reserving judgment. And the same applies to cars.

Here the community has to de-cide what to do about national quotas on Japanese imports after they become unenforceable in a single

The question is whether the national quotas will be replaced by a single community quota, some kind of "voluntary" pact with the Japanese, or nothing at all.
With the EC car industry clam-

oring for continued protection, it is a sure bet that some kind of restrictions will continue. But the commission insists that the limits will be no stricter than current arrange-ments and probably less so.

Japanese officials say they have been somewhat reassured by the

commission's latest pronouncements on banks. But they remain deeply suspicious about the cars.

Japanese suspicions have only been heightened by the uncertainty

over how far Japanese cars produced inside the community, notably by Nissan in Britain, will be allowed to benefit from free access to the rest of the single market. To most of these concerns, the

community's answer is simple: The whole point of a single market after 1992 is to make European industry more competitive and less in need In any case, Mr. Jacquemin said, only a few easily identifiable sec-tors, such as cars and consumer

electronics, are vuinerable to Japanese penetration, meaning that there should be no call for more generalized protection. Furthermore, he asked, "would

anyone really be better off if we don't create a single market?" "Any alternative could only be worse," he said.

Others argue that the commun ty's trading partners can them-selves help in head off protectionist pressures in Europe by opening their own markets. The British trade minister, Alan Clark, said last week that a Fortress Europe was not in Britain's interest. The most crucial factor, howev-

er, Mr. Jacquemin and other economists agree, will be whether the community manages to sustain a high rate of economic expansion as it removes its internal barriers.

Even the strongest advocates of the single market do not dispute that the initial shock is likely to cause a temporary increase in unemployment. But they argue that as long as the community's economy continues to grow, there will be less danger of a huge wave of job losses and business failures, the root causes of protectionism.

With the world economy expectprobably insist on some kind of ed to slow down next year and reciprocity from its partners if their great uncertainty about what lies beyond, that is a big "if." The specter of a Fortress Europe is unlikely to go away any time soon.

What put the Sir in Sir Walter Scott?

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ASIAN TOPICS

Rating Asian States For Investment Risks

Singapore and Japan are the "Mr. Cleans" of Asia while Chi-na and Indonesia are plagued with corruption and cronyism, a risk analysis firm in Hong Kong said this week. Political **Economic Risk Consultancy** Ltd. said in a study that in China and Indonesia it is less a case of "what you are but who you are and know."

Hong Kong deserves the best score for keeping red tape and bureaucracy to a minimum, the 10-country study said. Singapore was criticized for an "in-trusive and officious" bureau-

Overall, Japan is the Asian country with the lowest risk for potential investors, followed in order by Siogapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, China, the Philippines and Indonesia. The rankings were similar to those made by an American firm, Business Environment Risk Information, except that it ranked Malaysia ahead of Thailand, Indonesia before the Philip-pines and did not include Hong Kong or China in its risk report.

Chinese Find Fault With Work Habits

Chinese newspapers have been printing letters and arti-cles criticizing Chinese working habits. "Our offices have turned into free tea houses for tea tasting, newspaper reading and gossip," an editorial in the Worker's Daily said on Tuesday. "Our workshops have become clubs for poker, ehess,

reading and sweater knitting."
Many blamed the decadesold system of guaranteed lifetime employment. "It happens to almost every work unit," said Worker's Daily, of Beijing. The young worker starts work-

ing actively but bit after bit he learns to work like everybody else." It added, "The Chinese are not inherently lazy but the environment has made them lazy." The government says it wants to solve this problem and has taken halting steps to allow more Chinese to choose their

Around Asia

A rising epidemic of schistosomiasis, a parasitic disease that attacks major organs and the nervous system, has struck more than I million people in the southern China provinces of Hunan, Jiangxi, Anhui and Jiangsu, according to the China News Service. Public health officials were quoted as blaming a cutback in funds for controlling the disease, which had been virmally wiped out io Chioa. Schistosomiasis is contracted by washing or swimming in water containing minute snails that are hosts to the embryonic stage of the parasite.

Leading Japanese companies paid a record average year-end booms of 652,901 yen (\$5,300) to their unionized workers un 6.8 percent from last year, the Japanese Federation of Employers Associations, the main employers' group, reported this

The world's largest neon sign will go up to smoke if Hong tion to ban all signs advertising cigarettes, Reuters reports. The huge Marlboro sign, cited in the Guinness Book of Records since 1987 as the world's largest, measures 64 by 16.7 metres (210 by 55 feet). Critics often note that the sign is next to the government crematorium. Robert Hntt, a government auditor, said the license issued for the giant sign might he in conflict with the administration's stated anti-smoking policy. "I'm asking the government to consider the possibility," Mr. Hutt said. "If there's a conflict, then something should be done."

Arthur Higbee

Thai Meets Burma's Leader

RANGOON, Burma - Thailand's army chief conferred Wednesday with Burma's military leader, General Saw Maung, in the first visit to Burma by a highly ranked foreign official since the unrest in September.

The talks were expected to focus on trade and security issues, and on the problem of dissident Burmese Burmese border. The government to Burma.

has said the students can come back without facing punishment. The one-day visit by General Chaovalit Yongchaiyut marked a departure from an informal international agreement to refrain from any move that might imply recognition of the Saw Maung government, whose troops killed hundreds of demonstrators during the unrest. Japan, the Umited States students stranded along the Thai- and other countries have frozen aid

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Vietnam and the Vatican: Cautious Steps Toward Coexisting

By Michael Richardson ational Herald Tribune

HO CHI MINH CITY -- A portrait of Ho Chi Minh, the late president and Communist leader of North Vietnam, hangs on the wall above the framed armorial scal of the Roman Catholic archbishop of this city, formerly Saigon.

It is a symbol of the clear su-premacy of state over church, and the uneasy relations between them, since Vietnam was reunited under Communist control after the deleat of the American-backed government of South Vietnam to 1975.

A sign of the improvement was the release from house arrest - of

nist government of South Vietnam.

He had been held for 13 years of detendon without trial and was released in Hanoi. Diplomats said they oow know

of only one Catholic priest who is still in detention. About 50 were reportedly held early in 1987. In the past few months, authorities in Hanoi have approved the cultural scholar, said that Vietnam

This juxtaposition on the wall of the room where he receives guests is acknowledged hy Archbishop Nguyen Van Binh with a faint The Roman Catholie Church in

Vietnam is "poor in politics, but rich in religion," he said. After a period of severe stress, relations between the government and the church, including the Vau-can, have shown significant signs of improvement recently, according to Archbishop Binh, other church sources, Western diplomats in Hanoi and Vietnamese officials. In the past, the Vatican has ex-

ese government might follow China and establish a state-controlled Catholic Church that does oot recognize the supremacy of the Vati-

pressed concern that the Vietnam-

and Christians. opening of several new seminaries in Vietnam to train more priests.

A Marxist historian says that Vietnam has

become 'a testing ground' for efforts to

overcome conflicts between Communists

nation of some additional bishops and priests. This gradual easing of practical restrictions on religious activity is an attempt by Hanoi to improve relations with the influential Catholic minority to Vietnam. Spread throughout the country, Catholics number about 6 million out of a total population of 64 million.

They have also approved the ordi-

Although there is no official restriction on religious worship in Vietnam, Archbishop Binh said, tight curbs in the past on the number of new seminarians and priests meant that some churches were closed while others could not offer François Xavier Nguyen Van

had become "a testing ground" for efforts to overcome conflicts beween Communists and Christians. If the Catholic Church in Vietnam can be freed from unaccept-

able political dependence on the West, he said, it "could become a cultural link of great importance between our country and the West, for to Western culture there is oot only science and technology but also Christian values which we must seek to assimilate.

Those values, officials say, include patriotism, selflessness and personal honesty.

The Vatican has described Ha-

noi's recent gestures as a positive

The cautious liberalization is of Vietnam to discuss remaining onizadons. also designed to improve the standdifferences may take place in coming of the Hanoi government with the Vatican as well as with Viet-The Vatican secretary of state, of the Catholic Church in Vietnam namese émigré Catholics and

Western governments that have Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, is prepared to head such a delegation on criticized constraints on religious activity to Vietnam.

Nguyen Khac Vien, a leading Vietoamese Marxist historian and visit to Vietnam, the radio said. In his first toterview with the Vatican station, François Xavier Nguyen Van Sang, auxiliary bishop of Hanoi, who visited Rome for

> vember, said the Vietnamese government has adopted a new and more open policy toward religious activities. The policy includes permission for religious congregations to resume recruitment and training and

several weeks in October and No-

for priests to repair and build Hanoi's more liberal attitude is especially significant, diplomats d, because it follows repeated official warnings earlier this year that a policy of freedom of religious worship would be difficult to sustain if the Vatican went ahead with plans to canonize 117 Vietnamese.

Hanoi has asserted that some of those put to death helped pave the way for the annexation of Vietnam by France in 1884.

French and Spanish priests and

missionaries martyred by Vietnam-

ese rulers in the 17th and 18th cen-

But in June, shortly before Pope John Paul II conferred sainthood evelopment. on the 117 martyrs, the Vietnamese
The Vaticao radio receotly state radio quoted Communist offi-

Thuan, 60, a co-adjutor archbishop of Ho Chi Minh City who had close links with the former anti-Commu
as many Masses as their congregations described by the Catholic exchange of delegations between the Holy See and the government all obstacles arising from the can-

Despite an easing of restraints on religious worship, the activities will continue to be closely checked and circumscribed by the government, Western diplomats said. The Communist Party "will not

alternative power center," one of them said. In Southern Vietnam, all schools, hospitals and orphanages run hy the Catholie Church were

allow the church to develop into an

Mr. Vien said Vietnam's aim was "not to create a national church, one that is completely antonomous vis-à-vis pontifical authority." But he added that "subjection to papal authority in religious matters must be associated with a policy of national independence to other

In June 1984, Monsignor Binh, who has been archbishop of Ho Chi

Minh City for 28 years, said that

"many difficulties" remained be-

In the recent toterview, he was

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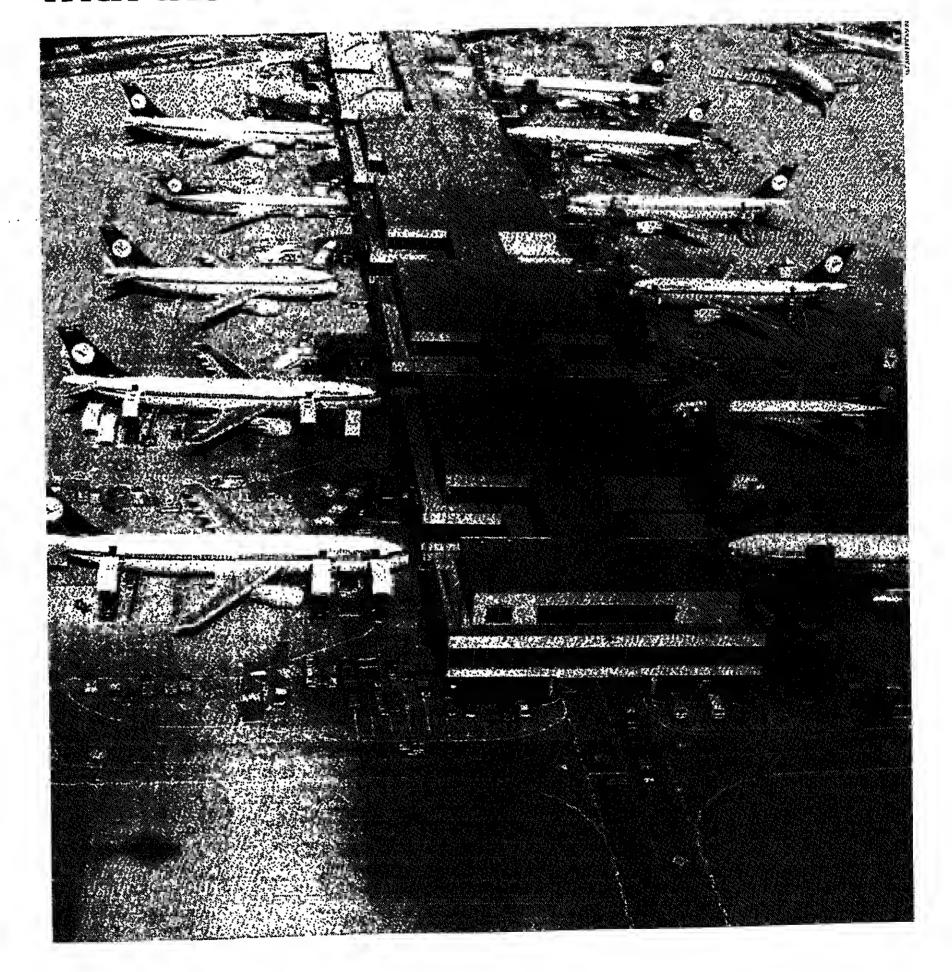
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Arafat in Geneva

Moving Nearer

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From Yasser Arafat in his public pronouncements comes both poetry and prose. The poetry is meant for the hearts of his Palestinian followers, who want to have their losses memorialized and their ambitions proclaimed. The prose frames the difficult political circumstances that the Palestmans must address if any part of their national ambition is to be realized. Tuesday's speech in Geneva suggests that Mr. Arafar's PLO is at least moving nearer to the choices it must make to achieve its goals.

The context is clear. The Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, reflecting the weariness of the occupied popula-tion with PLO rhetoric, has forced Mr. Arafat toward specific political stances that could help end the occupation. This prospect splits Israel down the middle: Half the comtry is more or less ready to accept a moderated PLO as a partner in peace, while the other half sees Palestinian reasonableness as a trick meant to destroy Israel or deny it permanent possession of the West Bank. It seems that the internal Israeli discussion will go on for a while longer. The Arafat speech may have tightened the Israeli politi-

cal knot. Americans, however, need not

await the outcome to make their own judg-

ment of the PLO's evolution - an evolution

Not Yet There

The State Department reacted just right to Yasser Arafat's long-awaited United Nations speech on Tuesday. The department's statement justifiably praised the PLO chairman for his "overall tone" and for "some movement" on the details. But it sensibly went on to say that Mr. Arafat still failed to go far enough in accepting Israel's right to exist and renouncing terrorism inside as well as outside Israeli borders. "These issues must be addressed clearly, squarely, without ambi-

guity," said the department's spokesman.
Unfortunately, the United States stands virtually alone in this reaction to the speech, given at a special session in Geneva because America refused to let Mr. Arafat enter to speak at the United Nations in New York. The United Nations continues to pay

more attention to the music than to the specific and necessary words. But the State Department rightly reminds the world that peace needs more than music. Israel has every basis for believing that its existence is threatened; it must hear words so specific that uttering them constitutes deeds.

That is the main difference between the ways America responds to Mikhail Gorbachev and to Mr. Arafat. The Soviet leader has made specific promises and then backed them with coocrete actions providing grounds for trust. Mr. Arafat avoids deeds and persists in varying his message with his audience - inching forward with the PLO declaration in Algiers and in a meeting with Jewish leaders in Stockholm, then seemingly marking time in Geneva. This keeps him in the PLO driver's seat, but it vitiates his credibility in Washington and Israel.

Diplomatic events of the last few days make the point. PLO aides told Swedish officials that the chairman would, in Ge-

which, since the Algiers conference a month ago, the United States appears to have made a special effort to encourage.

The American purpose, let it be recalled, is to move Israelis and Palestinians toward a safe and verifiable peace and in particular toward a peace negotiation with each other. Officially, the Israeli government still holds itself apart; Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir rejects the UN territory-for-peace resolution that represents the international bottom line. The PLO, however, now formally accepts that resolution, and inches closer to demonstrating that it means what it says.

Close enough for the United States to open the direct dialogue that it has long held out to the PLO as an inducement to make peace with Israel? It is a decision best made by the incoming administration, which will have to live with it.

Precisely for that reason, it was useful to have President-elect George Bush himself underline in Tuesday his own readiness to talk with a PLO that meets the condition of clearly and unequivocally turning toward peace. The PLO's movement so far has already created for his administration an all but certain collision with Israeli annexationists and, beyond that, at least the possibility, with further movement, of a Palestinian-Israeli breakthrough.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

neva, provide the specificity about Israel and terrorism required by the United States. The Swedes passed this on to Washington, which told Israel that if the proper words were spoken, the United States would deal with the PLO.

The music of the Arafat speech was unquestionably harmonious. "Come," he said to Israeli leaders, "let us make peace. Cast away fear and intimidation. Leave behind the specter of the wars that have raged continuously in the furnace of this conflict for the past 40 years."

Yet, while he repeated his rejection of terrorism "in all its forms," he continued to imply that such acts were justified in wars of national liberation.

He spoke of making a comprehensive settlement with Israel. But, as he described it, PLO recognition of Israel would seem to come only at the end of negotiations, not at the beginning, where it belongs.

Before recognition of Israel, three things would have to occur: (1) A preparatory committee with unspecified powers would be convened to set terms for an international conference on the Middle East; (2) Israeli troops would withdraw from occupied "Palestinian land," which would be put under temporary UN supervision; (3) an interna-tional conference would be called to make a comprehensive peace among "the State of Palestine, Israel and other neighbors."

Thus he seems to ask Israel to concede the existence of a Palestinian state with unspecified boundaries and powers in advance of a peace. Mr. Arafat, who does not feel strong enough within the PLO to recognize Israel now, and who has for decades advocated its destruction, would never grant such terms if fate had reversed the roles of Israel and the PLO.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

A Big Cleaning Bill

It is an extraordinary document. Published last week by the U.S. Department of Energy, it is a detailed survey of the health, safety and environmental hazards at the federal plants that manufacture nuclear weapons. There are more than 150 violations of basic standards cited here, involving all of the 16 major sites throughout the country where the weapons or their ingredicuts are produced. The report goes carefully through them, site by site and hazard by hazard, with a preliminary attempt to rank them in order of risk to the public.

By no means all of them involve radio-

activity. Some are cases in which these plants have allowed chemicals, conventional but nonetheless toxic, to drift into ground water and from there to drinking water and the water that irrigates crops. That may have happened at Rocky Flats, near Denver, for which this list assigns the highest risk to the public. But in other cases the leaking water contains radioactive materials, as at the Hanford, Washington, plant. Sometimes the contamination is airborne, as in the radon gas that the plant at Fernald, Ohio, may be dispersing into the surrounding area. Fernald also has at least the poten-tial to expose its neighbors outside the plant to direct radiation from the materials, including radioactive scrap and trash, stored there. Much of this inventory of risks is based on computer models rather than direct testing and analysis. That is why it speaks of potential rather than actual dangers. The Energy Department intends to produce a more pre-

cise and complete list a year from now.

The present report is unprecedented.

From World War II until this year, these plants have been wrapped in heavy secrecy. While this audit may not be definitive, it has manifestly been done in good faith. Great credit goes to Energy Secretary John Her-rington and his staff for this first step toward

better and safer management of the plants. Who is to pay for the waste recovery and disposal, the renovation, the relocations and the new facilities? The estimates of the costs now run in the range of \$100 billion to twice that. Some will be spread over the oext half century, but the threat to public health is going to require heavy spending in the years immediately ahead. If the total federal budget is not to increase under President Bush this money must come out of either present defense spending or present nondefense spending. Which? The urgent necessity to get going on the nuclear cleanup sharpens the central choices for the Bush administration.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

A Present for Gorbachev

It has long been an article of faith among American conservatives that for the Soviet threat to subside there would have to be a drastic political change within the Evil Empire. Rarely, if ever, did they anticipate that a drastic alteration in the Krembn's foreign policy could become a prerequisite for domestic reform. Yet that is just what is happening now. Mikhail Gorbachev's quest for arms control, his retreat from Afghanistan, his peacemaking in southern Africa and Indochina, his solicitation of credit and technology from the West - these are all policies dictated by domestic necessity. To restruc-

ture, Mr. Gorbachev requires a reduction in defense spending, tranquillity along the Soviet borders and normalized relations with Washington, Beijing and Western Europe. Hence he must expunge the Kremlin's reputation as an expansionist power given to overthrowing established regimes.

He has set in motion profound structural

change in the Soviet system. Being a master politician, a trader in the commodity of power, he will appreciate the value of Ron-ald Reagan's hint that the United States and the U.S.S.R. might become allies once again. That was the Christmas gift that Mr. Gorbachev received from America.

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GENEVA — There are two games in the Middle East conflict. One is deadly. At the relatively low level of the intifada, Palestinians have been dying at the rate of one a day. Five

times, war has broken out.

But there are not likely "to be more wars like 1973," an Israeli diplomat noted, "because now there are weapons of mass destruction in the region: missiles and chemicals on the Arab side, nuclear arms on the Israeli side." That is why major powers increasingly insist on restarting the "peace process," until now begun only after a war.

The other game is a shadowy, intricate waltz of words. "Peace process" itself is part of it. Everyone is for it, but everyone doesn't have the same peace in mind. The words take on a life of their own sometimes only tennously connected to how people live, what they must fear, what they can hope.

Yasser Arafat came to town and poured out passionate words, about peace for a change, about justice as before, about "international legitimacy," "equal security," "martyrs." Did he or didn't he use the right words to make a breakthrough? Not quite, although the waffle now is more in what he adds than in what he refuses to say.

There were paragraphs for practically every-body in his speech to the United Natious, which lasted over an hour. When they are sieved and interpreted, they will yield a variety of auggets. The occasion was a triumph for him, and he didn't miss the chance to taunt America for oot letting the United Nations hear him in New York. He was clearly elated, wrapped in a black and white kaffiyeh and a well tailored safari suit that

suggested a uniform without quite being one.

By Flora Lewis

Most Palestinians will be ecstatic as they watch him on television, applauded by the nations of the world, presenting himself as the head of the PLO committee "assuming the functions of the provi-sional government of the State of Palestine." He concluded with prayers for peace from the New

Some are aching to bring the words to match reality at last.

and Old Testaments, and then "to our people: The dawn approaches. Victory is at hand. It will take the sting out of the failure of words

to produce magic by now. "We thought," said a Palestinian journalist in East Jerusalem a few days ago, "that if we pronounced '242, '338,' existence of Israel,' renounce terrorism,' we'd be invited to breakfast in the White House the next morning." A woman, a Marrist supporter of the hard-liner Georges Habash who called Mr. Arafat a "dicta-tor," said conetheless: "We need him; we must support him. We are weak, and he is out there tailing to the powerful, shaking hands."

Of course, the people who live under occupation have long known that Israel exists and will continue to exist, whether or not the words "acceptance" and "recognition" are intoned. More than half, born since 1967, have known no other regime.
"But we don't want to legitimize Israel," said the woman, a U.S.-trained sociologist. Like many

other Palestinians, she is meamerized by the idea that the words constitute "concessions" wrung from her leaders. "We have given everything possi-

ble, and we get nothing. They only take." She was shocked to hear that a PLO representative in Jordan had snapped at friends who recited the same, now common refrain. "We have given nothing," he said. "We have nothing to give." When she thought about it, she said: "Oh, I see.

He meant the occupation goes on, without words."

For the next couple of days, UN delegates will be haggling frantically over more words, to put into new resolutions. That is the way they do diplomacy. The famous Resolution 242, which produced the words to account for Israel's conquest of all of Palestine in 1967, called for "withdrawal from territories" occupied (English version, which leaves room for some border changes). or "withdrawal from the territories" (French version, which suggests precisely the frontiers set in the 1949 armistice agreements). That ambiguity

made possible majority support.

Now the proposal is to recognize the PLO's observer delegation at the United Nations as the "Palestine" observers - meaning it's a state, or not a state? In the word game, lack of clarity solves problems. But the living and fighting and

worrying real world goes on.

People on both sides of the conflict know that. Some, at least, are aching to bring the words to match the reality at last, to admit that the Israelis and the PLO must bargain if they are to share the land in peace. The land doesn't fight, or talk. People do. It is time to use words that mean deeds.

The New York Times.

The Real Israel Challenges Palestinian Leaders

J ERUSALEM — The Israeli peo-ple have spoken but what have they said? Probably not what the world, including Israel itself, thought it heard on election day — a call for a hard-line government pledged to permanent Israeli control of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Conversations with dozens of ordinary Israelis around the country in the weeks since the election, most of whom voted for right-wing parties, suggest that the electorate did not opt for a Greater Israel, as national-ists refer to the post-1967 borders.

With a disarming offhandedness, the bulk of Likud voters interviewed said they favored some variation of the Allon plan - a Labor Party proposal for returning the Gaza Strip and most of the West Bank to Arab sovereignty within the framework of a peace agreement.

Most of these Likud supporters

were aware that Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, has declared his opposition to ever relinquishing the occupied territories to Arab sovereignty. To a man, however, they viewed Mr. Shamir's position as tactical.

The world may see Shamir as being against concessions," said a Tel Aviv shopkeeper who voted Liknd, "but when it comes to substantive negotiations I don't believe that will be his position. You don't begin

By Abraham Rabinovich

negotiations at your bargaining peak. You begin where you have room to mancuver so that you can reach a point acceptable to both sides."

The Likud supporters said they viewed Mr. Shamir as a much tougher negotiator than the Labor leader, Shimon Peres. They objected to Mr. Peres's call for an international peace conference as an invitation for pressures on Israel.

These tactical positions differ in kind from the ideological or religious commitment to Greater Israel of the extreme right-wing parties and within some religious parties. Even those Likud supporters inter-viewed who objected to territorial concessions cited security reasons rather than biblical rights.

The Palestinians just want to wipe us out and if they can't now, then in 10 or 20 years," said a shoe-maker in the small development town of Sederot in southern Israel. The Jews in his native Sfax in Tunisia had good relations with the Arabs there, he said, but the Palestinians were a different breed of Arab who "murder old people and chil-dren." It would take three or four generations, said the shoemaker, be-fore the Palestinians would become "as cultured" as the Tunisians.

This sampling of random public

opinion in a few in-depth interviews does not purport to be scientific. But it strongly suggests that a siz-able majority of the population not only the center-left but a substantial portion of the right as well —is prepared for territorial conces-sions if it can be persuaded that the Palestinans are truly prepared to be peaceful neighbors. Similar results

have been reported by public opinion polls during the past year.

If Mr. Shamir is the ideologue he seems on the territorial question, and not a closet pragmatist, the existence of such a pro-concessions majority will not have any effect on him. But it may provide considerable support in future political configurations which bring to power younger Liknd leaders who base their case for Israel's retention of the territories on strategic rather than on historic or religious grounds. Strategic arguments can give way to new realities, while historic and religious argu-ments are generally chiscled in stone.

For Palestinian leaders, who have recently given clear indications of trying to assess and address Israeli public opinion, awareness of the existence of a pro-tenitorial-concession majority in Israel, part of it disguised in right-wing wrappings, represents perhaps the greatest chal-lenge of their political lives.

After decades of acting out its rage at being dispossessed and disenfran-chised, the Palestinian leadership has entered into a political process aimed at signaling moderation in order to win a political homeland. By voting for Mr. Shamir, the Israeli electorate signaled back that it regards those moves as cosmetic. It is taken as axiomatic in Israel, even by most moderates, that while the Palestinians have adopted moderate tactics, their dream of Israel's ultimate destruction remains unchange

To persuade the Israelis that they fully accept Israel's existence and are prepared to live peacefully alongside it, the Palestinians must first persuade themselves. Any "secret" agenda for Israel's destruction in stages after the creation of a Palestinian state — an agenda which one can presume to be harbored by many Palestinans - will be apparent even to a shoemaker in Sederot.

Such a wrenching change in Palesminars' worldview — acceptance that more than half of what they regard as their homeland will be ceded to Israel forever - requires a combination of courage, despair, wisdom and fatalism not easily come by.

International Herald Tribune

Human Rights: Stronger Than Stalin in the End

P ARIS - Events of the past week must have Stalin and his last forin the Kremlin were soied by the world rushing pell-mell away from the brutal, autarchic system that those two, and too many others, thought repre-

sented the wave of the future. There on the global television screen was Mikhail Gorbachev at the United Nations speaking of "ensur-ing the rights of the individual," a notion that Mr. Vishinsky denounced with consummate cynicism 40 years ago during the UN debate in Paris over the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. There could be no conflict between the state and its subjects "since the government is the individuals' collectivity," he said.

Then Mr. Gorbachev was suddenly gone from New York, popping up again on the screen amid grief-stricken earthquake victims in Armenia and backing the appeals from his aides to the West for ever greater relief. This quick montage provided visual proof of Mr. Gorbachev's New York contention that "the world

WASHINGTON — Seven months after the Cuban missile crisis

had brought the world to the brink of

nuclear war, John F. Kennedy asked

the Russians to acknowledge that "we

are both devoting massive sums of money to weapons that could be better

devoted to combating ignorance, pov-

erty and disease." On that spring day 25 years ago, Mr. Kennedy held out

the hope that constructive changes

within the Communist bloc might bring within reach solutions which

Last week, in the fifth decade of the Cold War, Mikhail Gorbachev seemed

to say that Mr. Kennedy's hope might

be realized. Arguing that in a nuclear age the use or threat of force can no

longer be "an instrument of foreign policy," Mr. Gorbachev paraphrased Mr. Kennedy's call to "make the

As Mr. Kennedy gave force to his

words by unilaterally suspending at-mospheric nuclear tests, Mr. Gorba-

chev did so by announcing that he would unlaterally demobilize half a

million Soviet troops. As Mr. Kenne-

dy used his initiative to spur rapid

hoped his announcement would accel-

erate negociations on conventional

The timing and boldness are daz-

zling. It is pointed out that they stem,

in large part, from the desperation of

Mr. Gorbachev's domestic situation.

He needs to reduce the costs of his huge military establishment and shift

resources to the crippled economy,

and he needs foreign policy successes to hold at bay the enemies of his

radical domestic reforms. Obvious as

these motives are, however, the world-

wide reaction, especially the praise

and strategic arms reductions.

recement on a nuclear test ban treaty. Mr. Gorbachev made it clear that he

now seem beyond us."

world safe for diversity."

By Jim Hoagland

despite past orthodoxy about selfsufficiency for communism. Evidence of the shredding of the fron Curtain by the spread of human

rights came in a different form from East Berlin, where it was reported that the East German government has banned the Soviet glasnost magazine, Sputnik, and five Soviet films critical of Stalinism. Erich Hon-ecker's isolated regime sees itself under attack oot only from the West but also from the reformers in Moscow. And in Paris, François Mitterrand

shrewdly turned an accident of history into the occasion to bring together for the first time two of the most influential figures of the late 20th century. Lech Walesa, the Polish trade union leader, and Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet physicist and dissi-dent, to give fresh visibility to the cause of human rights.

As has been said of psychology, the concept of human rights has a long past but only a short history. By

A Ball Will Be Waiting in Bush's Court

By David S. Broder

from European members of NATO.

signal of American policy.

The timing is terrible from Mr.

Bush's viewpoint. He does not take

defense secretary, and the incoming

secretary of state, James Baker, is just

odds of his staying in power long enough to carry out his policy. (It is

worth recalling that Mr. Kennedy was

decade.) Mr. Bush and Mr. Baker are

far more skeptical than Kohani Kea-

gan about Mr. Gorbachev's prospects

and have questioned privately whether his success would really serve the long-term interests of the United States.

In June, in a San Francisco speech

bold enough to seize the opportuni-

The same skeptical tone dominated

of Michigan, which has received less

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view that Soviet expansionism had

been curbed by the crisis in its econo-

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puts heavy pressure on George Bush native theory, emphasizing the role of the U.S. military buildup and of senal of American policy.

American sponsorship of resistance

office for another month, he has no said Mr. Bush, "is able to reverse defense secretary and the incoming course when Soviet policies fail, when

starting his Foggy Bottom briefings.

Mr. Bush craves time to make his only when there is a shortage of food own assessment of Mr. Gorbachev's in Moscow, but also when we resist

real purposes and motives and the aggression and intimidation," he said.

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dead barely five months after his stan. The costs become too high when speech and that the Vietnam War the United States and NATO deploy

froze U.S. Soviet relations for almost a Pershing and cruise missiles in Europe

ty of change," must also be prepared a policy will produce lasting improve-for "protracted conflict." a policy will produce lasting improve-ments in U.S. Soviet relations."

a speech on Oct. 19 at the University conservative elements of the Research

attention than it deserves. In it, Mr. powerful political forces in Congres

clearly a different kind of Soviet lead- to test the Gorbachev initiative.

Bush said that Mr. Gorbachev "is and Western Europe, far more eager

change." But he explicitly rejected the must make early in the new year will view that Soviet expansionism had be fateful for himself and the world.

1948 here in the French capital, where the General Assembly was meeting while waiting to move into its permanent headquarters in New York. The declaration started a postwar process of international meddling and do-gooding that has survived ridicule and oeglect to become a force in world politics.

Mr. Vishinsky and the other commissars who fought the declaration (Stalin finally decided to abstain after getting some compromises from the West) appear in retrospect to have had a better idea of the damage the ideal of human rights would eventually do to their totalitarian system than did those in the West who dismissed the declaration and subsequent campaigns as nothing but words.

It is oot that long since skepticism and self-doubt about the ability of the West to influence attitudes and history behind the Iron Curtain and elsewhere were dominant responses to human rights campaigning. Jimmy

my — the idea, as he put it, that America and NATO could relax be-

cause "the Soviets are on the ropes."

to Soviet encroachments in critical

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mujahidin, helped by the United States, fight for freedom in Afghani-

dentite Soviet threats.
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been clear, the Soviets have not

changed. In the Middle East, in the

Persian Gulf and in Central Ameri-

ca, we see traditional Soviet policies.

The opportunity for narrow gains

sure on Moscow to change. Only such

Those views will be applauded by

Bush coalition, but challenged by

The policy judgment that Mr. Bush

The Washington Post.

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the costs become too high."

Instead Mr. Bush offered an alter-

Carter's efforts were seen as meffec-tual liberalism. Ronald Reagan's eign minister. Andrei Visitatky, the ecounty is becoming a single many chance, the UN human rights declating in their graves. Their descendants ism which the Soviets must join, ration was departed and signed in dismissed as a Cold War factic. As global communications improve

the force of words and ideas grows and exacts payment in kind from states that want to be part of the modern world. Putting a halt to the jamming of foreign broadcasts and tolerating magazines like Sputnik are decisions to modernize rather than to liberalize, as that term is understood in the West.

Mr. Mitterrand, using the 40th anniversary celebration of the rights declaration to call for increased UN human rights inspections and the pubbeizing of abuses, gave the thought an elegant reverse twist by saying, "Sicace nourishes oppressio The French president extended the invitations to Mr. Walesa and Mr.

Sakharov to underscore his belief that the West is on the threshold of even greater opportunities to change the political and human rights map inside the Soviet bloc. He sees a vacuum developing in Eastern Europe as the Soviet apparatus of control atro-nhies. And he sees the development of a continent-wide television system and other communications advances offering the West a historic opportunity to fill that vacuum and eventually overcome the division of Europe. It is a powerful idea. Events of the past week have shown that the East and the West can now listen to each other as well as talk to each other. Western aid for Armenia would not have been forthcoming on the same scale and with the same speed without a belief in the West that Mr. Gorbachev's glasnost campaign is changing the human rights situation in Soviet society. The week has provided an important page in the final and welcome obituary that history is

writing for Stalin's political system. The Washington Post.

1888: Hear the News PARIS - Thomas Edison proposes to

To obtain the news of the day from Mr. Edison's proposed newpaper, all that one will have to do will be to turn responding to the "reform programs" still attracts Moscow." The Cold War is not country to the party conference in Moscow, Mr. Bush said, "The Cold War is not cutting back U.S. or NATO defense efforts. "We must maintain the program of the desired the country to come a crank and listen. The newspaper will read itself to him. The Edison Talking Newspaper Company will rent to its patrons phonographs especially designed for the correspondence phonoine. Il se important congressional debate is going on the subscriber will be treated to the most eloquent portion of the speeches in the original tone of the orator. Nay, even the ap-plause or laughter which greets his bon mots will be faithfully reproduced.

1913: Greek Flag Raised

PARIS - The formal annexation of the island of Crete to Greece, former-

Montreal: A Fiasco For Trade

By Hobart Rowen

WASHINGTON - The trade talks in Montreal were a floor. At the precise moment of new hope for East-West relationships, America and Europe — which must cooperate in dealing with Mikhail Gorbachev - wind up as trade adversaries.

Neither the United States nor the European Community would budge from confrontational positions on how to curb agricultural subsidies. And the industrial countries could oot get Third World countries - notably India and Brazil — to agree to oew rules protecting "intellectual" property rights" (patents, copyrights and so on that are openly pirated by some developing countries).

Thus the so-called Uruguay round.

designed to liberalize trade among 96 countries, is close enough to dead to continued to the continue of t Yeuter, appared by a congression, had anticipated that even if an impasse with Europe on food subsidies persisted.

there would be enough gains on other issues to call Montreal a success.

But his EC opposite number, Willy De Clercq, hung equally tough. And Third World countries didn't behave according to plan; they linked con-cessions that they had made on trade in services to settlement of the argument over agriculture. So, in an all-

or-nothing framework, nobody come away with anything, and everybody came away with nothing. It is now clear that it was unwise to plan a critical review session for a time when the Reagan administration's trade bargainers would be lame ducks. "With a new administration about to come in, it was the wrong time for everything to be held hostage to every-thing," said a trade expert close to the incoming Bush administration.

Even if the Montreal fiasco is

patched up later, one immediate result is that the United States and Europe are at the edge of a nasty agricultural trade war. Each is ready to fire off a new round of trade restrictions, starting with a Jan. 1 European ban on imports of American hormone-treated meat. American retaliation will follow.

With the collapse of the talks, Japan once more gets off the hook. Its indefensible quota system for rice imports, due to be addressed as part of the talks on agriculture, remains untouched. The Bush team is reportedly distressed by the outcome in Montreal. It

feels that the president-elect needs and deserves a "cooling off period" to reassess U.S. trade strategy and come up with an improved negotiating position that might get things back on track.

Even after Mr. De Clercy moves on

to a new EC assignment, there will be no change in the Community's view that the U.S. "zero subsidy" posture on agriculture is a "pipe dream."

It seems evident that if the Uruguay round is to be salvaged, the Bush administration — with Carla

Hills succeeding Mr. Yeutler - will have to come up with a more flexible stand on farm subsidies. In an effort to buy time and avoid acknowledging that they bouched the job, the ministers at Montreal gave lower-level personnel until April 1989 to resolve the deadlock. Whether

George Bush can reshape U.S. trade policy by then is questionable.

It will not be enough to pursue Jim Baker's "two-track" strategy of threatening bilateral deals. Mr. Baker saw that tack as not so subtle leverage to win agreement on multilateral trade liberalization. But after Montreal that would be widely interpreted as abandoning the Uniquay round.

It should not be all that hard to work out a compromise on farm subsidies, given a shuffle of personnel at the top. If the United States dropped its insistence on the zero option, Europe-ans would work toward reducing farm subsidies. A deal on intellectual property could be more clusive, even though the United States, Japan and Europe are united on that one. What we have now is nothing. The

tentative, first-time agreements won in Montreal to set up new international rules on services, and to install a surveillance procedure over national trading practices, are in limbo. Protectionists and advocates of regional trading blocs must be feeling good as they survey the wreckage.

There was a time when the United

States might have had the global clout to force on the rest of the world its belief that farm subsidies should be wiped out. But let's face it: These days, America must share economic power with Europe and Asia. To get much of what it wants on trade issues, it will have to compromise, not dictate. The Washington Post.

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by the King of the Hellenes, who housted the Greek flag over the Firks fort at Canea amid great enthusiasm.

1938: The Catholic Issue

BERLIN - Denunciation of the Reich-Vatican Concordat, concluded in July 1933, and gradual expropria-tion by the State of the landed property held by the monastic orders in Germany are two primary points in a general project now being worked out by the Nazi authorities for "a final solution" of the question of the man Catholic Church in this country. Obviously the plan means the liquidation by stages of all the monastic orders in the Greater Reich. A Berlin dispatch to the New York Herald Tribune quoted an editorial of the "Schwarze Korps," organ of the S.S., in which it was stated that "the degenerate, criminal clericals who are caremies of the people and the State and uninterested in the fate of the ly Turkish, was carried out yesterday nation are incapable of utilizing the property of the German people."

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A Fiaso Corbachev's Fine Slogans Leave Out a Key Word

By George F. Will

W mouse roaring at the bear, is the most rambunctious element of what President Reagan - before he became President Pangloss — called the Evil Empire. The ferment in Estonia and elsewhere in Eastern Europe gives George Bush an opportunity to change

the subject and seize the initiative.

It is an opportunity to stop talking arithmetic and start talking politics; to stop talking the dry numbers of arms control and take up the rich rhetoric of freedom, and Soviet obligations incurred 44 years ago this coming February.

Estonia's parliament has asserted e right to reject laws made in Moscow if they abridge local autonomy. After an icy Gorbachev speech of denunciation, Estomia asserted it again, by a vote of 150-91.

Messrs. Jefferson and Madison, call your offices. Fax to Estonia your Kentucky and Virginia resolutions. Provoked by the Alien and Sedition Acts, in 1798 those two states, in resolves written by Jefferson and Madison respectively, declared the Acts unconstitutional. Virginia suggested the doctrine of "inter-position," whereby state authority would be interposed between the central government and the individual. Kentucky baidly asserted that each state

"has an equal right to judge for itself." These assertions of states' rights rest-ed on a "compact" theory of the Constitution, a theory that implied a right of secession. The theory was refuted by logic and defeated by arms on this ground: The Union derived from an irrevocable act of consent "four score and seven years" before the battle of Getrysburg - with the Declaration of Independence, not the Constitution.

Confronted by nations such as Estonia, the Kremlin cannot make an argument based on consent. The Kremlin wishes that all nations in the Soviet Union's seething ethnic stew would go off the boil before the lid comes completely off the kettle. But the Kremlin must especially wish that Estonia would pipe down. It is

such an embarrassing reminder.

11 is a reminder that the Soviet regime is the only one that suffered no rupture as

She Pushed a Bit

TF anyone gets the credit for the turnaround in President Reagan's think-ing about the Soviet Union and the possi-bility of peace, it is Nancy Reagan. I was upset that he was portrayed as this gunshooter - you know, cowboy," she told United Press International in an interview. She said Mr. Reagan was stymied by the deaths of several Soviet leaders before Mikhail Gorbachev came along. "You couldn't do anything in the begin-ning," she explained. "But yes, I really wanted them to get together ... I just kind of pushed him a little bit."

- Helen Thomas (UPI).

WASHINGTON — Estonia, the a result of its alliance with Hitler. It is a accomplices in conquest. And of how that war ended and the Cold War began with Soviet duplicity regarding self-deter-mination for East European nations. In his United Nations speech, Mikhail

Gorbachev, a forthright anti-pluralist, deplored the modern world's "endless mul-utude of centrifugal forces," and his domestie reforms are severely centralizing. But centrifugal forces along the eastern edge of the Soviet empire should be encouraged by U.S. diplomacy, especially the public diplomacy of broadcasting to a region where radio is a powerful force.

Mr. Bush's choice as head of the U.S.

Information Agency should have a pean

Information Agency should have a man-date to nurture nationalist articulation in Eastern Europe. The choice of Jeane Kirkpatrick or Henry Catto or some other intellectual controversialist would be a welcome signal. It would indicate that the Bush administration does not intend to be merely an accomplice of Mr. Gorba-chev in advancing "perestroika" as it is convenient for the Kremlin to define it.

There is a tendency to explain Mr. Gorbachev's actions in terms of immediate and short-term domestic exigencies. But that probably does less than justice to his longheadedness and to the diplomatie patience of a chess-playing nation.

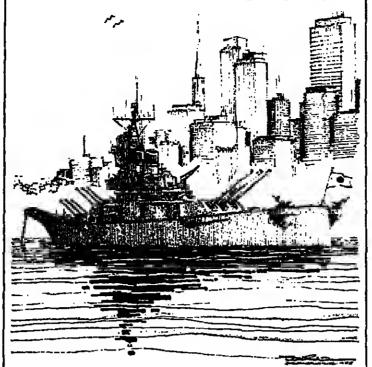
Perhaps the Cold War, far from being liquidated by the country that provoked it, is being restored to its original and most serious terms. The Soviet struggle for hegemony began before the Third World had a name, when the object was domination of the developed world, the key to which was Europe.

Everything Mr. Gorbachev has recently done may derive from different intentions. But most of the big things he has done, from acceptance of the "zero op-non" in the INF agreement to unilateral reductions of conventional forces, would make sense as part of a plan to advance, through patience and pleasantry, what cannot be advanced by intimidation and competition, Small Soviet gestures can have large, lingering echoes in the West in the form of decreased readiness. Any such new Western policies, unlike Soviet policy, cannot be quickly reversed by a single leader or by a change of a leader.

The next American president should change the subject from the arcana of arms control to the one subject that will reveal whether Mr. Gorbachev is just the most Leninist Leninist," completely flexible about means but implacable about the traditional goal of hegemony. The new subject should be the centrifugal forces in Eastern Europe.

Enough, already, about glasnost and perestroika. It is time to hear a third word. President Bush should say the word that brings into focus the origins of the Cold War and some of today's centrifugal forces: Yalta.

Washington Post Writers Group.



The dollar surrenders to the yen in ceremonies held aboard the USS Missoubishi in San Francisco harbor.

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the Soviet Union's requests for help

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members of the same body.

The oumber of dead and homeless remind me of the millions killed, disabled

or made homeless in the eight years of futile war between Iran and Iraq. The big

difference, of course, is that the tragedy in

The leaders of Iran and Iraq were the

Regarding "Of Hirohito and the Use of

Edwin M. Yoder Jr. overlooks the

years preceding Emperor Hirohito's sur-render. Hirohito may not have believed

in his divinity, but his subjects did, and

his military ruthlessly exploited the fact:

His image and his speeches justified and inspired almost 15 years of brutality and atrocity, first in China, then throughout

Asia. His agreement to "string along

with the imperial folderol for the sake of

form," as Mr. Yoder blithely puts it,

abetted death and suffering for millions

of people. Nobility may have its uses, but in this case the overall imperial con-

duct scarcely supports the idea of a "valuable and bumane" royal principle.

the Soviet Union was caused by nature.

Hirohito Went Along

Royalty" (Opinion, Sept. 27):

The tragie news from Armenia has main culprus for the war, but what of

saddened everyone. Quick responses to the countries that sold them billions of and that the United States afforded it

tress in Armenia - as if he and other

world leaders did not know what was

happening to my compatrious in Iran.

and regret for the loss of life in one case

and contribute to it io the other,

An Olympic Prerequisite

pected Abu Nidal Terrorist" (Dec. 7):

In response 10 "Greece Releases a Sus-

Athens cannot be seriously considered

as a host for the 1996 Olympics with its

current record oo terrorism. If it is gov-

ernment policy that the murder of a 2-

year-old in Rome by Palestinian terrorists

is justifiable as an "action for freedom,"

what would be the Greek response to

terrorist actions at the Games? Would a

Golden Olympics in Athens in 1996 be a golden opportunity for terrorists?

Palestinian Independence

In decrying the Palestinian declara-

tion of independence as "unilateral," the spokesman for the U.S. State Depart-

MAX FREUER.

It is total hypocrisy to exhibit concern

F. MOHEBBI,

Attila at the Peace Demonstration

N EW YORK — You can tell Christ-mas is near when an endless stream of 10v advertisements pours forth from the television. My young son becomes more agitated with each station break. The ads are strictly segregated by sex: guns and monsters for boys, wigs and makeup for girls. Ever see a preschooler in lipstick and mascara like Betty Boop?

I used to think that all sex role behavior was socially learned, like lipstick and girdles. That was before Attila the Hun came along, I call my son that to protect his real identity.

His father and I are not violent people. Where did all this macho come from? From the time Attila learned to walk, he became more male every day, in the most extreme and stereotyped ways. I had to hang out for hours with the stroller, watching big noisy garbage trucks. "Tuck, tuck," be would coo, holding his little arms out longingly.

And all he ever wanted was a gun. Now, at age 4, he has an arsenal: five

plastic swords, one plastic battle axe, one plastic dagger, two guns designed to kill ghosts and one squirt gun. He and his friends were something to see last summer, with their plastie swords sticking out of the bottoms of their shorts. (They put them through the waistband because they can't manage belts and

ment, Charles Redman, conveniently

overlooked two facts: that Israel de-

clared itself a state unilaterally in 1948.

pendence from Britain in 1776 -- but

they negotiate borders and future rela-

tions. This the PLO has offered, by de-

fining UN resolutions 242 and 338 as

the basis for talks, and an international

peace conference as the venue. For a legal basis, the PLO has referred to UN

Resolution 181, in which the world com-

munity (including the United States)

committed itself to setting up a Palestin-

ian Arab state as well as an Israeli one.

Does America have the moral courage

President-elect George Bush's stated

willingness to emphasize diplomatic

rather than military solutions in Nicara-gua is a welcome change from the Rea-gan administration's obsessive bostility

toward that small nation. It is also, of

course, a recognition that a Democratic

Congress is unlikely to allocate further

funds for the cootra forces. This, and his

indication that he will let go Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams, the

Reagan henchman in Central America,

can only be regarded with relief.

YEZID SAYIGH.

KEITH ERVIN.

today to uphold its vote of 1947?

Bush and Nicaragua

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

dollars' worth of arms? Mikhail Gorba- immediate recognition. Netions do not

chev now says on televisioo ibat he has often negotiate their right to indepen-

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By Meredith Tax

scabbards.) They pulled out their weapons, yelled unintelligible orders and chased each other around for hours. Still, I get mail from the War Resisters

League saying that war toys cause war. Military behavior io the young leads to military behavior in the not so young. So does watching programs oo television in which cartoon characters are always getting killed - although, in fairness, they

MEANWHILE

don't stay killed for long. But apparently this creates a confusion in the minds of the young, causing them to think it is all right to shoot their friends with the pistol they found in Daddy's bureau.

I dido't raise my boy to be a soldier. I felt pretty guilty for e while. Then we went to the Metropolitan Museum to visit the armor, a favorite rainy day occupation. As we camedown the stairs, Attila gestured at the shadows and con-There's a monster waiting over there to grab me. I wished I had my gun." I began to rethink the connection

How's That Again?

might have listened.

between war and war toys.

If one teen-age boy kills another play-

According to the report "U.S. Lifted a

the basis of satisfactory enforcement ex-

perience." If they had spoken to the

Great Communicator in English, he

ing Dungeons and Dragons, does that mean Dungeons and Dragons is a danecrous game that ought to be censored? Or does it mean that the kid is deeply disturbed and can't tell the difference

between his imagination and reality? If a little boy likes to jump around with guns and swords, and his parents won't let him, does that make him e pacifist? Or does it make him angry and repressed? And who will he turn that anger on? Himself? Smaller children? Maybe he will just become a self-right eous bittle twit, nothing worse. I don't want one of those in my family.

I want my kids to stand up for their beliefs, even against social pressure — even if they are wrong. When we went to a peace demonstration, Attila insisted oo bringing his sword. We couldn't talk him out of it. So what could I do? I do oot believe in repressing symbols. I be-lieve in teaching children the difference between fantasy and reality.

But many parents don't feel as 1 do. We were examining a used green mon-ster at a street fair when a mother came up behind me and whispered: "Oh, what sort of toys to buy," she said coldly, "but when I was little, I was taught

was furious. "I can't tell you what sort of toys to buy," she said coldly, "but when I was little, I was taught oever to point a gun at anybody else." Then she lost her cool and screamed

"So tell your kid not to shoot my baby!"
"Don't worry," I said clearly. "It can't
burt him. It's only a toy gun." We glared
at each other and marched our separate ways, two progressive women in the grip of irreconcilable theories of child rearing. Besides, I'm hoping he'll ontgrow it.

The writer, author of "Union Square," a novel about the 1920s and '30s, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Ban on Work at Home Despite Warnings" (Dec. 9), the Labor Department urged the Reagan administration to "advise against going forward at this time with any final rule which is justified on

FRANK LUDWIG GROSSMANN, Valbonne, France,

Dress Them Properly In response to "The First Law's Flub-

Dubs" (Opinion, Oct. 21): It is time the U.S. government recognized that the wives of the president, the

vice president and the secretary of state need generous clothing allowances. They are required to make persooal appearances, attend state functions, travel and be goodwill ambassadors abroad. Granted, \$20,000 Galanos dresses are

not required. But unless these women can beg or borrow suitable costumes for special occasions, bow many highly qualified men of moderate income can accept a bid to run for president, given the financial burden of the position? A wife's wardrobe could easily cost \$50,000 to \$100,000 for a four-year term -and it is essential to the job.

Any garments purchased from personal income should be tax deductible. MARIAN CONVERSE

Plus a Tin Soldier

WiTH a dwindliog number of shop-ping days left until Christmas, one Pentagoo contractor, the LTV Corporation, sent out Christmas cards with a different twist. The card, festooned on the outside with Christmas lights. opens to a pop-up evergreen decorated with all the things to make a general's

beart sing on Christmas morning.

There is the space shuttle, a ballistic missile a multiple rocket launeber, a tin soldier, a rifle and a High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle, which is affectionately known in the Pentagon as a Hummer but which most people would call a truck LTV, naturally, has a band in making all of those things.

"We, the 48,000 men and women who are the LTV Corporation, wish you and your family warmest greet-ings," the card says, adding thanks for the opportunity to have bad a part in "helping to preserve our national de-fense, which has given us the best Christmas gift of all — peace."

The New York Times.

ELIZABETH J. K. HOUGHTON.

GENERAL NEWS

Ghana Develops New Case of Gold Fever

By Blaine Harden

Washington Post Service
KONONGO, Ghana — Avaricious European sea captains did not name this West African

country the Gold Coast for nothing.

Rainstorms still wash the occasional nugget onto village streets. By tradition, a chief from the Asante region, where the mines are, is not fully dressed unless his regalia drips with gold. Every Friday night, a Swiss Air jet takes off from Ghana's capital, Acera, bound for Zurich with a cargo of gold that sells for \$426 an ounce.

Ghana is a steamy slice of Africa that has been trading in gold since the 10th century, when Arab traders hauled nuggets north on camels via Timbuktu. Reviving long-moldering mines, it appears to be at the beginning of a latter-day gold rush. The incipient epidemic of gold fever is driven by high world prices, a favorable outlook for the next decade and the government's new open-door investment po-

In the gold fields near this upcountry trading town, more than 58 tons of refined gold have been extracted since 1902 -e take worth more than half a billion dollars at today's prices.
"Each time we put down a drill bole, we have

got some kind of result," said Philip Penman, general manager of Southern Cross Mining, an Australian subsidiary that this year opened the first new Chanian gold-mining operation in more than half a century. Southern Cross took a chance in a country

that in the 1960s nationalized its gold mines. That move, by a previous government, crippled Ghana's gold industry and, until recently,

Irightened off outside investors.

Mr. Penman said his company, operating with guarantees that it would not be nationalized, expected to find no more than about 90,000 ounces (2,700 kilograms) of gold, slightly better than break-even after two years of

The venture was supposed to be buile more than a tax write-off, but Southern Cross geologists keep finding gold. Mr. Penman said estimates of minable reserves on the 48-square-mile (124.32-square-kilometer) Konongo concession have quadrupled this year. "We now feel that even that figure will go up sharply," he

The Sydney-based company is planning to increase its investment sixfold, to about \$60 million, and expects to he produce 100,000 ounces a year for 10 years. If that pans ont, the Konongo operation could gross \$424 million.

Our feeling about this mine has gone from cautious optimism to bullish," said Kwame Fordwor, a Ghanaian economist who is chairman of the company's board.

Ethiopia should bave a bumper

be well above the government's tar-

will open in 1989. In addition, the Ashanti Goldfields Corp., which accounts for most gold production in the country and is 55 percent government-owned,

Operating with guarantees that it would not be nationalized, Southern **Cross Mining expected to** about break even. The venture was supposed to be little more than a tax write-off, but its geologists keep finding gold.

is undergoing a much-needed \$160 million rehabilitation. And the State Gold Mining Corp. is beefing up its production capacity with the help of a World Bank loan.

A gold rush cannot come too soon to this ebt-hobbled country, which has borrowed beavily in recent years to finance what often are described as model economic reforms for Africa. The changes have cut inflation, boosted exports and replaced two decades of economic decline with growth of more than 5 percent a

year since 1983. But foreign debt obligations this year amount to 76 percent of export earnings. These bills were supposed to have been paid with foreign currency earned by cocoa, Ghana's key cash crop. But cocoa prices are at their lowest level in a quarter-century.

Hence gold fever. "It is quite possible that Ghana could export one million ounces of gold by the mid-1990s," said Seung Hong Choi, resident representative in Accra for the World Bank and e principal architect of the country's reform program. Considering the long-term prospects for cocoa prices, Ghana needs to make gold its No. 1 industry as quickly as possible."

There has always been gold for the taking in Ghana. Io the 15th century, Portuguese sea captains found it within a few miles of the sea. The pope granted the Portuguese an exclusive concession in 1494. Despite the pope, Danes, Swedes, Dutch, English and Prussians descend-

The bullishness is infectious. About 50 pro- ed in ships to the Gold Coast. They built castles specting licenses have been issued this year to foreign gold-mining investors, according to government officials. They say four new mines malaria or yellow fever and died in the burnid West Africa bush, which became known as "the white man's graveyard."

For those who survived, it was a sound investment. At the turn of the century there were 400 gold-mining companies in what was then the Britisb colony of Gold Coast. As mining moved away from barter arrangements (European goods were swapped for gold gathered by Africans) its benefits were diverted from the locals. "Gold is for the big European compa-nies," wrote Briton W.E.F. Ward in a history of Ghana published in the 1950s.

Shortly after Ghana's independence, its

founding father, Kwame Nkrumah, tried to remedy that inequity by ordering the gold mines nationalized. But soon his attempt at social justice sank in a bureaucratic swamp; mines became overstaffed, equipment fell apart and, between 1963 and last year, production fell

It was not thet the gold was gone. Ghana's reserves are believed by geologists to rival those of South Africa. But the country had failed to manage its most valuable resource or to deal with foreign investors who knew how.

As part of its reform package, the seven-year-old military government headed by Jerry Rawiings is trying to reastract foreign investors, although it insists on retaining e large share of gold profits to finance rural development pro-

"I see a lot of evidence that there are responsible foreign investors willing to come into this country," said Tsatsu Tsikata, a senior Rawl-

Besides promising investors that they need not worry about nationalization, the government has tried to streamline business dealings. Ghana now has the fastest and least complicated system of any English-speaking nation in black Africa for converting local currency to foreign currency. Transactions that take months in countries such as Zimbabwe and Kenya can be completed in minutes in Ghana. So far, Southern Cross gives the Rawlings government high marks for creating an invest-

ment environment that is, for the most part, Taxes on gold production are high — about 60 percent of mining profits go to the government. But gold mining is a profitable endeavor even when the price is at \$200 an ounce. When it hovers above \$400 an ounce it is an exceptionally lucrative business, especially in Ghana's nich fields.

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UN Agency Says Ethiopia Should Have a Bumper Harvest get and up by oearly a quarter from year was well above the 6 million last year's drought-suicken crop. tons of grain and beans harvested heavy rains could cause major damage to crops. ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia -But it said later surveys had since

requirement this year to 350,000 harvest of 7.5 million tons of food this year, only four years after a Ethiopia usually needs 600,000 drought affected more than six million people The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization said

tons of food a year to make up the gap between what it produces and what it needs. Wednesday that the harvest would

That would cut Ethiopia's food aid in the July-to-June 1987-88 crop year. The government target was 6.6 millioo tons.

The organization said it expected a good harvest of teff, a grain that is the country's staple.

The Food and Agriculture Organization's estimate for the crop this year that delayed but exceptionally

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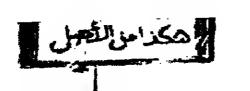
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Disagreeing with gloomy ments are top officials of the group for the Superconducting Collider, who said in interest that the magnet problems we sonable growing pains in a reprogram pushing the limits of

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Yet the Congressional

Yet the Congressional Office recently warned that itsis had "encountered man lems" in making prototyp nets and suggested construction of the giant might be deferred until the "greater certainty about technology."

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The troubles are coming more than five years after gantuan project was first p and after 5100 million he spent to perform research as up construction plans.

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Supercollider Faces Magnet **Difficulties**

By William J. Broad

New York Times Service

CIENTISTS investigating how
to build the biggest and most
expensive scientific instrument to date - a \$4.4-billion atom smasher 53 miles (85 kilometers) in circumference — have encountered vexing problems making the machine's 55-foot-long (17-meter) superconducting magnets, thousands of which are to be strung together like pearls on a string.

To date, only two of eight prototype magnets have been judged successful. And one of the eight failed "catastrophically," according to a 95-page autopsy that described how massive short circuits caused some of its components to melt.

The problems with the magnet, the project's most important part, could slow technical progress on the giant machine and fuel political opposition to it, experts say.

Disagreeing with gloomy assessments are top officials of the design group for the Superconducting Super Collider, who said in interviews that the magnet problems were reasonable growing pains in a research program pushing the limits of tech-

oology. They added that engineers are confident that any lingering prob-lems will sooo he solved, eliminating any technical reason for delay. Next year, Congress is to decide whether to approve construction of the machine, which would probe the mysteries of matter and energy. Barring delays, construction on the site chosen in central Texas is ex-

pected to take eight years. Yet the Congressional Budget Office recently warned that scientists had "encountered many problems" in making prototype magconstruction of the giant machine might be deferred until there is "greater certainty about magnet technology."

The troubles are coming to light get it right." more than five years after the gargantuan project was first proposed and after \$100 million had been spent to perform research and draw un construction plans.

The seeds of the magnets' problems are contained within their great power. Made of superconducting materials, which must be cooled to near absolute zero, the magnets can

carry electricity with no resistance and achieve great strength.

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But the magnets are so strong that they literally try to tear themselves apart. lotense magnetic fields cause tiny movements of internal parts and coils, in turn generating hear that can trigger the violent loss of superconductivity.

"There are very, very large mag-netic forces at work here," said Tom Kirk, head of super collider magnet design. "You have to con-strain the coil motions. It's physically impossible to constrain them all. But we're closing in on them." Experts involved with the project say the recent strides in making

higher-temperature superconductors have no application in this cen-tury in building giant magnets for atom smashers and that, even if high-temperature superconductors were available, they would have oo significant impact on lowering the cost of such a project.

Despite their general optimism, leaders of the vast undertaking say they are taking oothing for granted as they move forward, haunted by the memory of a magnet fiasco in an earlier atom-smasher project. "What's on everybody's mind is

the empty tunnel on Long Island," said Dr. Chris Quigg, deputy director of the design group, whose beadquarters are at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in California. His allusion was to a two-mile

circular tunnel at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York State meant to house a particle accelerator known as Isabelle. In 1983, after years of problems

with its superconducting magnets and after the success of European rivals with a more innovative atom smasher, the half-built project was scrapped at a loss of \$160 million. So too today, Dr. Quigg said: "The magnets are the big technical item. So we better be serious. The magnets are the component on

which you can't miss. You have to Indeed, the magnets are the heart of the proposed machine, a race-track-shaped tunnel buried 150 feet attainable by the most powerful beneath the earth. Inside the tunnel rings, ooe atop the other, creating twin magnetic prisons to hold

speeding subatomic particles.

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Io the August issue of Physics Today, a publication of the Ameri-can Institute of Physics, F. Russell Huson and Peter M. McIntyre of the Texas Accelerator Center, a consortium of eight universities that develops particle accelerators, suggested that "reasonable alternatives may exist" to the chosen magnet design, whose accomplishments they called "marginal."

The center bas developed a candidate design that is more robust and uses fewer exotic materials. "They were supposed to bave working magnets a long time ago," Dr. Huson said. "The first schedule was to have three working magnets in May 1986. They still doo't have three working magnets."

Hormone-Cholesterol Link Seen

By Harold M. Schmeck Jr. New York Times Service

R ESEARCHERS in California have discovered that a hormone produced by blood cells dramatically lowers the level of cholesterol

in the human body.

The effect is as great or greater than that achieved with the most powerful cholesterol-lowering drugs, said Dr. Stephen D. Nimer, of the University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine, who led the research team.

Why it works is unknown. The scientists used a genetically engineered version of granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor, a hormone that is found naturally in the body. Dr. Nimer believes the hormone or a new class of drugs that can use the same mechanism may be useful some day in treating serious cholesterol problems and possibly even in preventing or treating atherosclerosis, the underlying problem in most beart dis-

He said that further research must be done before the hormone could be used against atherosclerosis or excessively high cholesterol in

the blood. For most patients with high cholesterol. changes in diet are sufficient treatment, he said. High cholesterol is one of the main factors that heighten a person's risk of developing atherosclerotic heart disease. This disease, re-

important arteries, is the most common cause of death among adults in the United States.

Dr. Nimer discovered the effect while using the growth stimulating factor to treat patients suffering from aplastic anemia, a serious disor-

duce blood cells. GM-CSF is a natural growth factor, produced by some white blood cells, that stimulates the growth of gramulocytes and macrophages — im-portant cells of the immune system.

der in which the body loses its ability to pro-

A normal cholesterol reading be said, is roughly between 140 and 270 milligrams per 100 millibrers of blood, and the optimum level is somewhere between 190 and 200. There is still substantial difference of opinion among scientists on desirable cholesterol levels. Some consider levels over 240 risky.

Dr. Nimer said the hormone treatment lowered the patients' cholesterol far below the

"I was taking care of the patients and was struck by the fact that one or two of them had cholesterol levels in the 80s," he said in a telephone interview.

He checked the charts of all the eight patients in the aplastic anemia study and discovered that all of their cholesterol levels were dropping. The reductions were in the potentially damaging low-density lipoprotein form of cho-

sulting from the buildup of farty plaques in lesterol. Dr. Nimer said three of the patients had reductions of 50 percent or more. In three others, the cholesterol levels fell 33 to 50 percent. In one patient the reduction was 27 per-

cent and, in another, only 5 percent. The levels stayed low in the period of up to three months in which the pacents received the hormone. But after the treatment stopped, cho-

lesterol readings returned to their original lev-Recently the scientists studied three more patients, all of whom had substantial reducdons in their cholesterol levels, Dr. Nimer said.

The scientists' objective now is to find our just how the growth factor acts on cholesterol.

Dr. Nimer noted that the byer is a major site of both the production and the breakdown of cholesterol. The immune defense cells called monocytes that circulate in the blood are important in taking cholesterol out of circulation and complete is to the lives he could

and carrying it to the liver, he said.

Similar cells, called macrophages when they are lodged in the blood vessel walls and in the liver tissue, are also important in the body's handling of cholesterol.

Dr. Nimer said the most likely explanation of

the growth factor's effects on cholesterol is that the substance acts on the monocytes and macrophages, perhaps making them produce some still unknown substance that either lowers the liver's production of cholesterol or increases its

Plant Could Make This Paper Better

By Jane E. Brody

NEWSPAPERS would be brighter, tougher, easier oo the eyes and less likely to yellow or leave ink oo the hands if they were ancient African plant that is on the verge of commercial production in the United States.

Studies by the U.S. Department of Agriculture spanning three decades have shown that the fastgrowing kenaf plant can be rendered into high-quality oewsprint and many other fibrous products that are now made from trees. If kenaf comes into wide use by the pulp and paper industry, it could help to save forests, reduce dependence on imported oewsprint, curb environmental contaminadoo from paper mills and become an important source of income for American

Kenaf paper has already been used as oewsprint in test runs by ter than traditional oewsprint cherche do Coton et des Textiles made from wood pulp, said Daniel Exonques is seeking to produce 100 E. Kugler, an economist in the Agpercent kenaf oewsprint.

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ricultural Department's Coopera-tive State Research Service in Washington who is director of the Kenaf Demonstracion Project.

The resulting newspapers were brighter, had high contrast and good color. Less ink was needed to off on hands and clothing. Even after a year in storage, the kenaf oewspapers did not turn yellow.

The first American kenaf paper milling plant would he built near McAllen, Texas, in a joint project under oegotiacion by Kenai Inter-national of Bakersfield, California, and Canadian International Paper of Mootreal, the world's second largest oewsprint producer. The plant could be in operation by the end of 1991.

But Mr. Kugler ooted that, if kenaf catches on, existing paper mills could be adapted, with a few

modifications, to process it.

In Queensland, Australia, a kenaf mill that should be operating by the end of 1990 will produce seven newspapers, which pro-claimed the results as good or bet-And in France, the Institut de Re-

IN BRIEF

AIDS Drug Faces Testing Hurdle

NEW YORK (NYT) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has decided to place new restrictions on gancyclovir, a drug widely used to fight blindness in AIDS patients.

Gancyclovir must be tested in a controlled clinical trial before it is licensed for marketing, the agency said. Unless their sight is clearly endangered, oew AIDS patients will have access to the drug only through the trial. Up to now, any paoent whose doctor requests it has received the drug under a special program. Gancyclovir is used to arrest eye infections caused by cylomegalovirus. The virus eventually infects oearly every AIDS pacent, taking advantage of weakened immune systems.

Noise Is Called a Threat to Sea Life

NEW YORK (NYT) - Noise generated by human activity is endangering fish and such oceanic mammals as seals and whales.

Dr. Arthur A. Myrberg Jr., a marine biologist at the University of Miami who is an expert on acoustic communication between fish, reports that beluga whales emit alarm calls when an icebreaker is 50 miles (80 kilometers) away, and that they flee when such vessels approach within 25 miles.

Dr. Myrberg has concluded that the hair cells of the auditory organs of some fish are destroyed by high noise levels. Underwater noise out only forces fish to flee the regions where it is generated; it also damages fish eggs

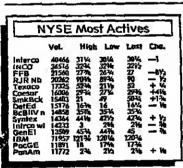
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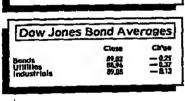
WASHINGTON (UPI) - Consumer and medical groups, citing concerns about crib death in babies, urged the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to ban over-the-counter sales of promethazine, a drug

used in cold and allergy medicines.

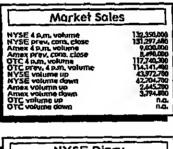
Public Citizen Health Research Group and the University of Maryland's Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Institute urged the FDA to reverse its decision allowing sales of products containing promethazine.

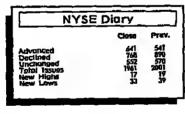
"It is ironic that the FDA has liberalized promethazine sales just when other countries have begun stepping up controls," said Dr. Shirin deSilva, a Public Citizen researcher, who noted Belgium and France are taking steps to keep infants from receiving con-prescription promethazine.



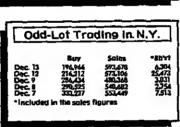


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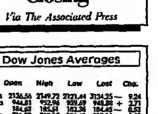


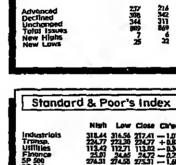


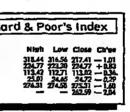


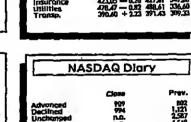


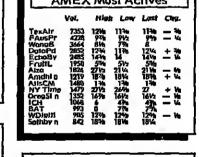
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Falls on Economic Data

United Press International
NEW YORK — Prices ended a dull session on the New York Stock Exchange with a cearly 10-point dive Wednesday as investors signaled unease over a variety of key economic reports, including one on the closely watched merchan-

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had risen 3.91 points Tuesday, slid 9.24 to close at 2,134.25. The blue-chip index had hovered at a deficit of two to three points for most of the

Declines led advances by about a 6-5 margin as volume edged up to 132.35 million shares from 132.34 million traded on Tuesday.

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Broader market indexes also declined. The New York Stock Exchange index dropped 0.52 to 154.72, and the price of an average share lost 10 cents. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index dropped 1.00 to 275.31.

The Commerce Department reported before the market opened that the U.S. merchandise trade deficit narrowed to \$10.35 billion in October from a revised September shortfall of \$10.67 billion. The market had anxiously awaited the deficit data, boring it would provide a clue to deficit data, boping it would provide a clue to the pace of the nation's economic growth and the pace of the nation's economic growth and whether overly rapid growth would prompt the Federal Reserve Board to raise interest rates.

The trade figure was in line with Wall Street's expectations, however and analysts said it proved to be largely anticlimactic.

Nelson Gary, an analyst with Robinson-Humphrey Co. in Atlanta, said there was little

immediate reaction to the trade news.

"But as they delved into the details, the bond market weakened a bit," Mr. Gary said, adding

lower.

Separately, the Fed reported U.S. industrial production climbed a seasonally adjusted 0.5 percent in November and the operating pace of U.S. mines, factories and utilities reached a nine-year high.

Jetry Hinkle, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., said these reports, combined with Tuesday's news that retail sales rose a strong 1.1 percent in November did little to ease traders' fears that the torrid pace of economic growth would force up interest rates.

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Interco was the most active NYSE-listed issue, off 1 to 30%, pressured by a rumor that a 3.2 million-share block of Interco that changed hands early Tuesday was sold by the Rales brother. Steven and Mitchell Rales of Washington last month dropped a \$74-a-share takeover bid for the St. Louis furniture and shoe maker after the company adopted a massive corporate after the company adopted a massive corporate

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Inco followed, unchanged at 32½.

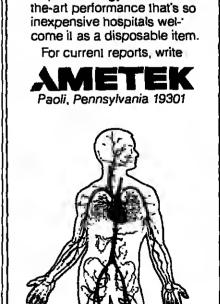
Third on the actives list was First Fidelity Bancorporation, which plummeted 8½ to 27. The banking company said late Tuesday it expected bad loans to force it to post a loss of of \$145 million to \$190 million in the fourth quarter.

Texaco gained ¼ to 52 amid continued speculation that Carl C. leahn, chairman of Trans World Airlines Inc. and Texaco's largest share-bolder, is contemplating renewing his battle to take cootrol of the oil company. On Tuesday, Icahn disclosed that he has raised his Texaco holdings to 15.83 percent from 14.7 percent.

AT&T ended unchanged a 29¼. IBM slipped ¼ to 120½.

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Reverse Auction Set To Retire U.K. Debt

Reuters

LONDON — The Bank of England said Wednesday that it would hold a reverse auction in January to buy back government bonds in an unprecedented move by the central bank aimed at cutting the national debt.

In such an auction, bondholders pick the prices at which they are willing to sell their investments, known in the British market as gilt-edged securities. The cheapest offers would be accepted by the Bank of England, down to a preset limit. In the first reverse auction, on Jan. 13, the bank would buy gilts with face value of up £500 million (\$916 million).

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has made the reduction of the national debt a priority of economic policy.

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The success of Nigel Lawson, the British chancellor of the Exchequer, in swelling public coffers has meant that instead of borrowing cash by issuing gilts, the Conservative government has been using its surplus to buy back the bonds and cut its debt load.

The Bank of England said it has quietly mopped up £2.2 billion of bonds since April. It said the reverse auction would add permanent reserves to the banking system in January, a time when tax payments traditionally drain funds.

EC Auditors Disclose

Farm Shipment Fraud

BRUSSELS — The European Community's system of agriculture subsidies loses millions of dollars each year to shippers and exporters who fraudulently claim cash for bogus cargoes, according to a report made public here Wednesday

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The annual report by the EC's Court of Auditors said that customs controls and checks by the EC Commission, the community's executive body, were inadequate to curb abuse of the Common Agricultural Policy.

The document did not give precise figures on the extent of the fraud. Nor did it name those allegedly responsible or say if legal action had been taken against them. But it cited a series of swindles, through cargo-switching or in some cases through claims for food that was never produced. produced.

Among the examples cited was that of a company that allegedly imported prime quality beef from South America, telling the EC that the meat was offal to avoid import duties. The report said the company than exported EC offal to South America, claiming it was prime meat and therefore eligible for export subsidies. The two-year swindle netted 16 million ECUs (\$20.85 million), the report said. produced.

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U.K. Industrial Output

Fell 0.3% in October

Agence France-Presse

LONDON — Industrial production in Britain fell a seasonally adjusted 0.3 percent in October, the Central Statistics Office reported Wednesday in a preliminary report.

Ouput was pulled down by a loss of North Sea oil production after the Piper Alpha platform disaster in July in which 167 people died. The office said.

Although October production showed a 22 percent increase from a year earlier, the decliae from September surprised analysts, who had expected an increase of about 0.8 percent. Production had risen 0.4 percent in September, revised upward from an earlier estimate of a 0.5 percent drop.

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HUNDREDS BACK FROM DEAD DESCRIBE HEAVEN AND HELL

By Geraldine Fabrikant

New York Times Service

Generoso P. Pope Jr., who died Oct. 2, said Tues-day that the National Enquirer and Weekly World

The National Enquirer, which for decades has

given supermarket shoppers often sensational read-

ing, has a readership of 4.5 million. Weekly World News, another tabloid, also is sold in supermarkets.

ding process for the papers, which were owned by Mr. Pope.

At least two bidders are likely, industry special-ists say. One is Paul Pope, one of Generoso Pope's six children, Another is Robert Maxwell, the Brit-

ish financier and publisher, although it was unclear bow serious be might be about making an offer.

"It is a property that in the course of things,

The trustees said they anticipated an open bid-

News would be sold as soon as possible.

NEW YORK - The trustees for the estate of

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

All the World's a Stage Centing with Middle Comments the United States For Jobless Executives

By SHERRY BUCHANAN International Herold Tribune

ONDON — Executives who have been laid off are going to acting school to learn poise, good posture and enunciation. Those who expect to be turned into Marlon Brando or Marilyn Monroe might be disappointed, however. The coaching is designed simply to help them do better in job interviews by teaching them to relax and be themselves.

"The success of the course seems to come from the actors' ability to take introducted managers and give them the poise and ability to take introverted managers and give them the poise and confidence they need to feel comfortable on that special stage, the interview," said Robert Swain, chairman of Swain & Swain, a New York outplacement firm, which is retained by many Fortune

contact the United Section 2012 And Community Section 2012 Community Co 500 companies to soften the blow for executives being laid off and to help them find new

These are usually senior managers between 45 and 55 who caro an average of \$90,000 a year and have been victims of mergers at large U.S. firms. Many find them-

selves jobbunting for the first time since college. That usually makes them nervous in interviews, and as a result, they tend to look ill at ease, move too abruptly, raise the pitch of their voices

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and forget to breathe properly.

"The majority of people we see are introverted," Mr. Swain added. "That's where the casualties in downsizing are going oo."

He suggests his clients go through a day with an acting coach.

Management consultants have long been in the business of giving executives tips on how to improve their interviewing skills by learning everything they need to know about the company, by anticipating the interviewer's questions and by asking intelligent questions about the nature of the job. This is the "learn your

lines" part of interviewing skills. But, until oow, few performing artists had gotten in on the act. Yet there is oo point in knowing the lines by heart if you can't deliver them convincingly.

USINESS students, about to seek their first jobs, get acting lessons too. The training director for the British Theatre Association in London, Victoria Thompson, said, "The skills of an actor are self-representation, one which managers could well assimilate." She coaches students at the European Business School in London on voice production, presentation and body language.

Another skill most actors, like job hunters, have to develop is

the ability to cope with rejection.

Enter Shaun Berry, a British film distributor, who started Presence Inc. last year in New York. His firm offers companies one day of coaching by actors and actresses for a \$350 fee.

"I thought of actors getting turned down over and over again at auditions," he said. "I woodered, how did they cope with rejec-

Susan Stevens, an actress with Mr. Berry's company, said "The rejections are endless, but if you take it as a rejection you put yourself in a casket. The key is to be true to yourself and not take one audition or interview to be the end- and be-all of your

Ms. Stevens has executives play different roles alternately as interviewer and interviewee. To get them to relax about the interview, she'll ask one interviewee, for instance, to come in as an operatic singer or to play Mike Tyson, the heavyweight boxing champion, being interviewed on a talk show. She also gently tries to make them aware of any odd mannerisms they might have or teach simple breathing exercises, one of the first physiological n people get ne

Mr. Berry said, "Once you're grown up nobody tells you how you are and so you often don't know how others see you."

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In Japan, New Loser In Scandal

Chairman of NTI Resigns Position

By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service

TOKYO — The chairman of Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. resigned Wednesday, in Japan's big stock scandal, amid evidence that he had secretly received the equivalent of \$80,000 from a company seeking favors from the

company seeking favors from the communications giant. The resignation of the 78-year-old Hisashi Shinto ended in disgrace the career of one of Japan's best-known and most powerful chief executives. He had been known as a brilliant tactician who was credited with guiding his firm through its rocky transition from a government monopoly to a semi-private enterprise. The scandal also tainted the image of the world's largest corporation, as measured by the value of its stock, at a time when it is faring poorly against new

competition.

Last week the same scandal, centering on stock distributed by Recruit Corp. before its high-flying real estate subsidiary went public. forced the resignation of Kiichi Miyazawa, Japan's finance minis-ter. Both Mr. Miyazawa and Mr. Shinto repeatedly changed their televised accounts of their involve-

But Wedoesday's revelatioos, just hours before Mr. Shinto resigned, also suggested that the company — among the most staid of Japanese corporate giants — has maiotained off-the-books slush funds controlled by its top officials.

Mr. Shinto has been facing investigators for weeks, since it was discovered that his private secretary and several other executives purchased shares of the support of Recruit Cosmos, at bargain prices before the company went public. See SCANDAL, Page 17

Deutsche To Offer Insurance

By Ferdinand Protzman International Herald Tribuni DUSSELDORF - Deutsche Bank, West Germany's largest com-

mercial bank, announced Tuesday that it would enter the life insurance business in the autumn of 1989. "In January, we shall file an ap-plication with the Berlin-based Supervisory Authority for Insurance Business, for the purpose of estab-

lishing a life assurance company," said Alfred Herrhausen, Deutsche Bank's managing board chairman, who was the main force behind the bank's move into the lucrative but competitive field of life insurance, The new company will have initial capitalization of 30 million

Deutsche marks (\$17 million) and will begin operations through the Deutsche Bank's domestic network of more than 1,300 branch offices in the autumn of 1989.

Speaking at a press conference in Düsseldorf, Mr. Hernhausen also said the bank was turning in a strong earnings performance in 1988. Group operating profit rose 24.2 percent in the first 10 months of 1988, compared with 10/12s of its 1987 operating profit, lifted by solid gains in the bank's own-account trading in securities.

Mr. Herrhausen added that ownaccount trading in precious metals had fallen "just short of last year's extraordinary results," but he did

not give precise figures.
In keeping with West German

ha keeping with West German banking practice, Mr. Herrhausen did not disclose precise figures for operating profit, which includes own-account trading.

Bot group partial operating earnings, which include commission and fee earnings less expenditure on plant and personnel rose 3.0 percent in the first 10 months. 3.0 percent in the first 10 months, to 2.38 billion DM from 2.31 billion DM, representing 10/12ths of the previous year's results.

Group interest earnings were up 4.3 percent, to 5.28 billion DM from 5.06 billion DM, while commission earnings edged up 2.7 percent, to 1.89 billion DM from 1.84 billion. Analysts said the move into in-

surance, which Mr. Herrhausen said earlier this year was under consideration, was not surprising. There had been some uncertainty over whether Deutsche Bank would acquire an insurance arm or

utives indicated the latter.

in the past month that the bank was changes at an official rate of about hiring experienced insurance exec-\$1.60, but on the black market in executive jet

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firm, said several parties had shown interest.
Paul Pope, 21, who has been working at the

paper for several years, was the heir apparent. But

his father's will supulated that the papers were to be sold after his death.

Paul Pope is trying to put together financing to bid for the publication, a source close to him said.

G. Peterson, a partner in the Blackstone Group; and Citibank. They are considering bringing in an

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tions. That description narrows it down to Henry Ansbacher & Co. and Veronis Suhler & Co.

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With BP to Buy **Minerals Units** International Herald Tribune LONDON — RTZ Corp., the

RTZ in Talks

anı British mining company, said Wednesday that it was negotiating to buy British Petroleum PLC's minerals businesses, excluding the interests of BP Canada.

The announcement capped rewas close to signing an agreement worth £1.9 billion to £2 billion (\$3.45 billion to \$3.65 billion) to acquire the bulk of BP's profitable mineral assets and become what one analyst called the world's pre-mier mineral conglomerate.

For BP, which has long sought to dispose of all or part of its minerals

group and to focus on its core energy interests, the potential sale to RTZ is also seen as an adroit move, coming at a time when mineral prices have reached what many experts see as a cyclical peak. RTZ, formerly Rio Tinto Zinc

PLC, declined to give further de-tails about the talks, other than to say it was the sole negotiator for the interests. The exclusion of BP Canada's mineral interests, analysts said, is virtually inconsequential as the Canadian unit's mineral portfolio is marginal.

"The fact that Rio is in exclusive negotiations must be positive for the price" it will have to pay, said Hugh Williams, a minerals analyst with Kleinwort Benson Securines in London. "The market thinking is for a price of £2 billion."

Mr. Williams said the move would be good for RTZ, Earlier this

inflation are back," said David

The thrust of coordination with

See RATES, Page 17

industrial investment and joint

technological development.

Mr. Ivanov said that this year,

roughly half of the Soviet Umon's

international trade turnover was

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year, RTZ sold a 28 percent stake in London & Scottish Marine Oil PLC for £260 million in a move that confirmed its stated intent to withdraw form the capital-intensive oil indus-

try and to focus on mines.
"It will give Rio exposure to a major source of gold earnings, one area where Rio had been short, Mr. Williams said. "And it will ensure Rio's position as the premier

mining company in the world."

RTZ, in buying BP's mineral assets, would acquire a bulk of base metals, 45 percent of which would be gold, 44 percent copper and the remainder tin, nickel, silver and zinc, according to industry experts. The enlarged company's geographic reach would include Europe, North America, Australia, Papua New Guinea and southern Africa. BP's mineral holdings include

the U.S.-based Bingham Canyon copper mine, believed to be among the lowest-cost suppliers in the in-dustry. In gold, the jewel of BP's asset crown lies in the Lihir Island mines in Papua New Guinea.

"It looks like a good deal for both companies." said Malcolm Brown, an energy industry analyst with James Capel & Co. brokers. "BP gets back to its core business and can reduce its gearing to some 30 percent from 38 percent, while RTZ gets gold," be added.

Gearing refers to the level of corporate debt as a percent of share-holders funds. BP has always re-ferred to 30 percent gearing as a "comfortable" level.

Over the past two years, BP's petrochemical and minerals divisions have been the only two units within Britain's largest company to post sustained profit growth, Analysts expect the minerals division to report replacement-cost operating profit this year of £255 million, against £125 million in 1987.

But minerals proved a drain on BP's earnings earlier this decade. Mr. Brown said, "Despite the fact that the mineral operation is

lean and profitable today, it's been a long haul for BP and I don't regard minerals as core to BP's Mr. Brown noted that few major oil firms have had much success with mineral company mergers in

recent years. He and other energy analysis believe that the oil giants will look hard at whether to keep their respective mineral divisions or to sell and put the proceeds toward oil-sector acquisitions. Earlier this year, U.S. based

Chevron Corp. sold its 15.5 percent stake in metals group, Amax Inc., for around \$350 million.

Analysts said that BP's priority now will be to reduce debt, rather than to rebound directly with a major acquisition of another oil areas as international production,

BP, which has sold \$1.04 billion of assets this year, is still digesting its ocar \$8 billion acquisition last year of the 45 percent of Ohio-based Standard Oil Co. that it did not already own, and its £2.4 billion purchase of Britoil PLC earlier

Moscow Sets Its Sights on Joining World Markets

By Paul Sillitoe

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - Four European

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Wednesday in what seemed to be a

Commercial bank economists

and European monetary sources

said the West German Bundesbank

seemed to be leading a drive to choke off inflationary pressures

and re-establish domestic priorities

are moving in the same direction,

although some more willingly than

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International Herald Tribune PARIS - The Soviet Union will build on reforms announced last reforms, acknowledged that a new week in a drive to fully integrate its official rate to be set up by the end trade and currency systems with of 1990 would be "lower than it is the international framework by the now," but said the black market late 1990s, a top Soviet economic official indicated Wednesday.

Ivan D. Ivanov, vice chairman of the State Foreign Economic Commission, foresaw full convertibility for the ruble, the Soviet currency, after 1995 and said steps were alinvestment decision-making in the hands of individual enterprises.

al Chamber of Commerce meeting in Paris, said Moscow would begin reforming trade regulations early next year and from 1991 planned to implement a rationalized customs tariff structure that would place the Soviet Union on a footing with

industrialized trading nations. "Our aim is to be fully integrated in the international trading sys-tem," he said, adding that Soviet policy instruments "must be tai-lored to the standards of GATT." The Soviet Union has in the past sought membership of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, but the United States and other

members have resisted. Moscow's goal is full members of GATT, said Mr. Ivanov, "with all rights and full responsibilities."

Starting sometime next year, the current system of case-by-case licensing for international trade would be replaced by an open gener al license for most transactions, Mr. Ivanov said, the aim being to gradually forge a liberal trade policy.

Under the reforms announce last week, the ruble is to be devalued by 50 percent for commercial transactions over the next two years as a step toward making it freely convertible. The currency, build one from scratch, but reports which may not be exported, exas of the beginning of December, ment, is that bilateral opportunities involving total capital of about \$1 lie beyond trade in goods, in such

about 20 cents. Mr. Ivanov, an architect of the operation, most would be active within the next two years. ernments of the European Commurate was narrowly based on a handful of currencies and "should not nity, with which he hopes the Sovibe taken as a signal." et Union will eventually conclude a terprises, as distinct from state

Through a system that Mr. lvanov characterized as "export promotion rather than devalua tion," Soviet enterprises are to be ready under way to put trade and reimbursed at twice the ruble equivalent for taxes paid on for-cign-currency proceeds from ex-Mr. Ivanov, speaking to report-ers after addressing an internation-prise might yield to the state prise might yield to the state perhaps \$20 on a \$100 transaction but would recoup the equivalent of

\$40 - in rubles. Mr. Ivanov said that Soviet enterprises had signed 143 joint-venture agreements with overseas partners

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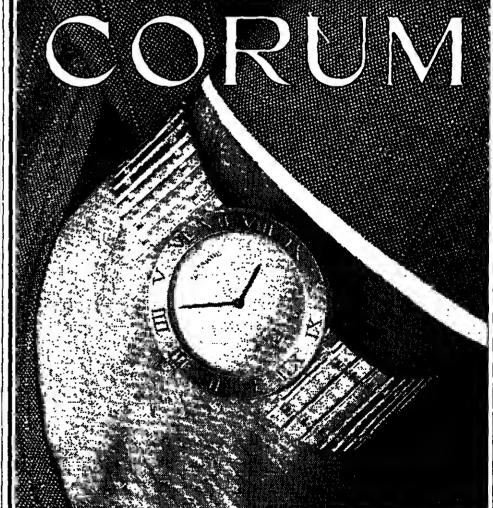
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Trans-Atlantic Fiber-Optic Link Boosts Volume

By Calvin Sims

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The first fiber-

optic telephone cahle across the Atlantic went into service Wednesday, vastly increasing the number of calls that can be made at one time between Europe and the United States.

The new cable, which uses pulses of laser light to send voice and computer data, can carry 40,000 calls simultaneously. The three existing copper cahles, together with satellites, can carry a total of 20,000

installed over six months at a trates the increasing pace with which communications companies around the world are stringing fifloor and across North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

The resulting network promises a new era of faster, clearer global communication.

By 1992, the companies project that more than 16 million miles (25.7 million kilometers) of the ight-wave cable will have been installed oo the four continents and in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Commission. oceans and the Caribbean, at an estimated cost of \$28 billioo.

Europe and North America, including American Telephone & headquarters and foreign offices. Telegraph Co., ITT World Communications, MCI Communications Corp., British Telecommuni-cations PLC, France Telecom and Western Uoion Corp. AT&T, among husiness users. which installed the cahle, will also

Rich Wallerstein, an AT&T spokesman, said that the cable was not expected to reduce prices for international calls, but that the digital technology it incorporates would result in a variety of new cost of \$362 million, the cable illus- services between the United States

and Europe. With the new communications technology, known as light-wave ber-optic cables along the ocean systems, callers will no longer have to wait hours for a free international line to some parts of the world. One fiber can carry more than 8,000 conversations, compared

with 48 for a copper wire. People in the United States made 4.7 billion minutes of overseas telephone calls last year, compared with 580 million in 1977, according to the Federal Communications

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The oew cahle is a joint venture will greatly expand the number of and buries part of it beneath the of 29 telephone companies from high-speed data channels available ocean floor. to transmit information between

> In addition, the fiber lines will provide international video teleconferencing and high-speed fac-

The current backbone of most among the other investors.

TAT-8 will eventually replace telephone systems consists of cop-per cables and microwave radio electrical signals that are prone to interference.

data as light pulses in digital form, and several types of information can be carried on a single line.

One drawback of the new telephone technology, however, is its increased vulnerability to widespread disruptions if a large fiberoptic cable is accidentally severed. Last month, millions of tele-

phone calls were disrupted around the United States for several hours when a construction crew accidentally severed an AT&T fiber-optic cable in New Jersey.

AT&T has increased the protec-For busioesses, the growing tion for its fiber-optic cables. It that is scheduled to go into service availability of fiber-optic systems wraps its undersea cable in steel in April.

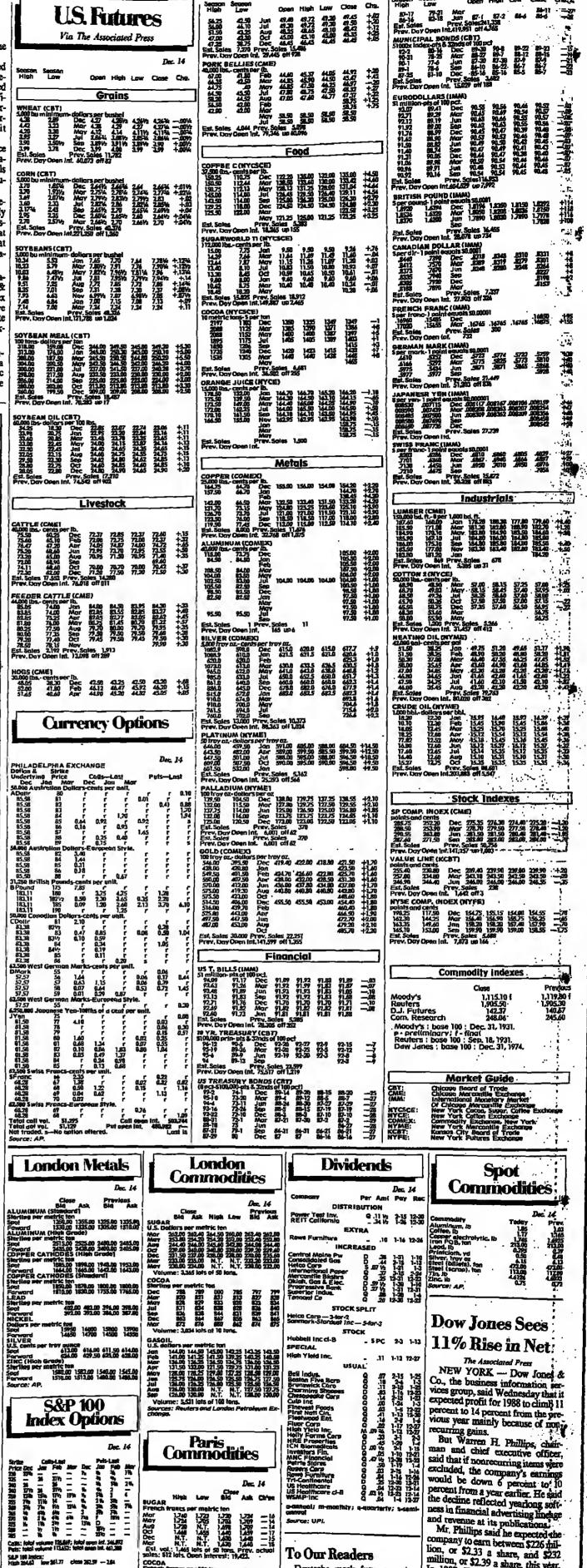
The oew European link is called TAT-8, for trans-Atlantic telephone cable No. 8. AT&T provided 34 percent of the \$362 million fioancing, British Telecom 16 persimile service, which is growing cent and France Telecom 10 percent, with the remainder split

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The international group of tele-A fiber-optic system transmits phone companies is already ready to begin work on a second trans-Atlantic cable, called TAT-9, that would go into service in 1991. That cable will carry 80,000 simultaneous telephone calls.

In a bid to compete for the lucrative trans-Atlantic market, Cable & Wireless PLC of Britain and Nynex Corp. of the United States have announced plans to lay a separate \$600 million fiber-optic cable linking New York and London.

A consortium of telephone companies also has plans to build a fiber-optic cable across the Pacific



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day to take a controlling interest in Euromobiliare SpA, the Milan-based investment bank, in a friendly transaction with the Italian company's principal shareholders.

The third-largest British clearing bank said it had agreed to raise its stake in Euromobiliare to just over 45 percent from 3.14 percent and that it had entered into an option and voting agreement with the Italian group's management on shares representing a further 6 percent. At a news conference in Milan, ber.

down 15 for the day.

Mr. Bogni, who is a director of Euromobiliare and who is to become its deputy chairman, dismissed suggestions by some analysts that Midland was paying too high a price to expand its presence

Midland's announcement fol-lowed talks between Midland and Euromobiliare begun in Novem-

Ciba-Geigy Sets Ilford Sale

BASEL - The Swiss pharmacentical group Ciba-Geigy AG said Wednesday it had signed a preliminary agreement to sell its liford photographic film group to Inter-national Paper of the United

In a statement released here, Caesars Stock Rises as Trump Apparently Seeks Control Ciba-Geigy said International Pa-per would take over the entire Ilford group, "including most of its units and personnel." The price for Ilford was not disclosed.

liford, which has plants in Brittin. France and Switzerland, makes photographic film and paper. The group employs about 3,400 people and has forecast sales of 500 million Swiss francs (\$340 million) this

In the filing with the Federal Trade Commission, Mr. Trump, who owns several casinos in Atlantic International Paper Co., which employs 50,000 people, has fore-cast 1988 sales of \$10 billion. Its City, New Jersey, said that he might seek control of Caesars by huying 50 revenue in 1987 was \$7.8 billion. The company produces paper, lumber, plywood and other wood prod-

Ciba-Geigy posted sales of 15.77

(\$75 million) for the 42 percent stake, or 8,000 lire per share. Euromobilize shares closed Wednesday on the Milan bourse at 6,420 lire,

billion Swiss francs in 1987, virtually flat compared with 1986, when sales were 15.95 billion francs. In September 1987, International Paper agreed to acquire Anitec Image Technology Corp., a maker of photographic film and paper.

LOS ANGELES - The stock of

Caesars World Inc. rose sharply

Wednesday after the U.S. casino

and resort group disclosed that Donald J. Trump, the New York

developer, had filed for government

antitrust approval to acquire up to

50 percent of the company.

arte's investment bank.

Midland said in a press release that Euromobiliare's principal shareholders, the Italian entrepre-neurs Carlo de Benedetti, Raul Gardini and Silvio Berlusconi, "will each hold approximately 5 percent of Euromobiliare's ordinary shares" through their respective companies.

About 25 percent of Euromobi-liare is held by institutional shareholders and the general public. Midland's move follows a period of turbulence in the ownership of Euromobiliare, Renters reported

In July, Finarte SpA, an art anction house and investment concern based in Milan, disclosed it had purchased a 10 percent stake in Euromobiliare. But it sold the holding to Mr. de Benedetti after the financier Francesco Micheli failed to merge Euromobiliare with Fin-

In October, Mr. Berlusconi' Fininvest SpA and Mr. Gardini's Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA boosted their holdings by each buying one third of the 10 percent parcel of shares from Mr. de Benedetti.

On Wednesday, Caesars shares

rose \$4.125 to close at \$29.375 in

heavy trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Daniel Lee, an analyst with

Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., said

Mr. Trump felt "the stock is under-

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Trump's filing was confusing. Cac-sars said that it was unable to deter-

mine his full plans and that it had no

shares outstanding.

Volvo May Sell Properties In Move to Release Capital

STOCKHOLM - Volvo AB, the Swedish carmaker, said Wednesday that it was considering the sale of some of its properties in a move to release capital and that a firm decision would be made

A spokesman for the company, Hans Renstrom, said, "I can confirm we are reviewing the position regarding our properties."

Volvo's land and properties were valued at 7 billioo kronor (\$1.2

Analysis said it was likely that Volvo would sell its property to a company formed jointly with an outside partner. In its most recent financial results, Volvo earnings in the first nine

months of the year fell 7.8 percent from a year earlier to 5.44 billion The decline was attributed to higher wage costs in Sweden, a threeweek strike in January and losses at a Spanish frozen fish unit, which

had built up stocks before fish prices declined sharply.

Sales for the period, however, edged up to 67.98 billion kronor, from 66.23 billion kronor. Meanwhile, prices on the Stockholm Bourse rose slightly Wednesday in active trading boosted by the news that Volvo was studying the sale, dealers said.

The company's restricted B shares, which are not available to foreigners, closed up 5 kronor at 373 kronor, after rising 7 kronor on

gas and Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and in unions has blocked the move.

Leader's Death Adds to Nokia Woes

By Barry James

International Herold Tribune Amid reports that its overworked chief executive committed suicide and predictions that its dividend will be down sharply this year, Nokia Group, Finland's biggest industrial conglomerate, appears to be having problems digest-ing a spate of acquisitions, financial analysts in Helsinki said Wednesday.

Nokia shares recovered partially on Wednesday, however, after turnbling on reports that Kari A.O. Kairamo, the chairman and chief executive officer, committed suicide over the weekend.

A spokesman for Nokia, quoted in Helsinki newspapers, said Mr. Kairamo's death was not connected with any problems at the com-pany, which is involved in electronics, eables, machinery, paper, power, chemicals, rubher and

Analysts in Helsinki said the underlying health of Nokia appeared to be sound, although 1989 profits and dividends were likely to be

sharply lower after the acquisitions. The most pessimistic estimate among analysts in Helsinki is that the dividend might fall to 6 markkaa (\$1.47) from last year's record 15 markkaa.

Although Mr. Kairomo initially was said to have suffered a heart attack, the nation's largest newspaper, Helsingin Sanomat, and other media later reported he had taken his own life. "No one is denying it," said one of his acquaintances. "He was very overworked."

Nokia declined comment on the reports.

Nokia stock edged up 2 markkaa on Wednesday to close at 130. l1 ended last week at 140. Analysts said the fall in price from Friday's close also may have been linked to concern that Nokia

had no ooe of sufficient stature to carry on Mr. Kairamo's work. The Nokia board named Simo Vuoriyears' hard slog getting them to pay lehto, 58, the former president and chief operating officer to succeed him. Some analysts cited Mr. Vuorilehto's lack of international expe-

involved in the electronics side of Nokia's husiness as factors that

might weigh against him. But a spokesman for Nokia said the board had endorsed Mr. Kairamo's policy of international expan-

sion and extensive diversification into consumer electronics. With the acquisition of the consumer electronics business of Standard-Elektrik Lorenz and the data systems division of Ericeson Data Systems of Sweden early this year, Nokia transformed itself into one of Western Europe's information

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technology giants, but many analysts said the company may have binen off more than it could chew. Brian Knox, an analyst and Nordic specialist with Kleinwort Benson Securities Ltd. in London, said Nokia tended to move in phases by "making a series of imaginative deals and then having a couple of

Mr. Knox said he was sticking to his prediction of 1988 pretax profit in the range of 700 million to 800

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Net income in the first quarter

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Among Mr. Trump's major hold-

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Charter Consolidated Boosts Profit by 23%

was \$22.7 million, compared with

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Daimler Sees Rise in Sales

STUTTGART - Daimler-Benz AG says it expects consolidated sales of 73 billion Deutsche marks (\$41.7 billion) in 1988, up 8.3 percent from last year.

Daimler's managing board chairman, Edzard Reuter, said at press conference Tuesday that net profit was expected to be satisfactory this year, despite weakness in the U.S. dollar that led to a decline in car sales. Last year Daimler, West Germany's largest industrial group, posted a profit of 1.78 billion DM.

Mr. Reuter said that Daimter would pay shareholders a dividend of 12 DM per 50-DM share, unchanged from last year. After the announcement, Daimler shares fell 12.30 to 748 DM in trading Wednesday on the Frankfurt exchange. The group's automobile division accounted for three quarters of sales and half the sales increase, mainly because of truck sales.

Automobile sales were stable in Europe but dropped 6 percent in the Dairoler said that for all of 1988 it will have produced 560,000 cars, 6 percent less than in 1987.

LONDON -- Charter Consoli-

further comment.

dated PLC, the mining and industrial company that is effectively cootrolled by Anglo American Corp. of South Africa, reported Wednesday a 23 percent increase in pretax profit to £32.09 million (\$58.64 million) in the six months ended Sept. 30.

The profit, which compares with £26.06 million in the same period a year earlier, came on revenue that rose 13.4 percent to £519.57 million from £458,35 million previously. Earnings per share rose to 19.9 pence from 17.2 pence a year earli-

Separately, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange said it had found no evidence of insider trading in shares of Consolidated Gold Fields

PLC before the £2.9 billion take- performance of Charter's industrial over bid hy Minorco SA. The president of the exchange, Tony Norton, said "a normal in-depth investigation" had been conducted.

Minorco is a Luxembourg-based Resources Corp., which is con-trolled by Anglo American and its affiliate, De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd.

Minerals & Resources owns 36 percent of Charter.

In its profit report, Charter said tracts in Britain. Charter said a strong cootribution from its in-Shand's activities were likely to be dustrial subsidiaries was the main trimmed. factor behind a 17 percent rise in operating profit to £27.9 million for the half, from £23.73 million a year carlier. "A notable feature of this first materials division rose to £44.91

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subsidiaries, whose contribution to group profit rose by 44 percent," the company said.

In recent weeks, Mr. Trump has

been trying to acquire Eastern Air-

lines' profitable East Coast shuttle

services from Texas Air Corp. for

But a motion filed by the airline's

The unions contended that the

sale of the shuttle, which operates

between Boston, New York and

Washington, violated federal labor

law because it would have been a

major change in the firm's opera-

Charter said the increase had been achieved despite the cost of holding company of Minerals & reorganization of its headquarters. which was taken as a charge against operating profits. A Charter unit, Shand Construc-

tion, unit incurred an undisclosed loss for the period on several of its civil-engineering and building con-The genuine Swiss army knife

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BRUSSELS — West Germany has held up clearance by the Enropean Community of an Italian government rescue plan for the unprofile able state-owned steel company, Finsider SpA.

Boun has said the plan, under which the ailing Italian steel company could receive government aid totaling 7.670 trillion line (\$1.95 billion), does not involve enough reductions in Finsider's steel-making capacity.

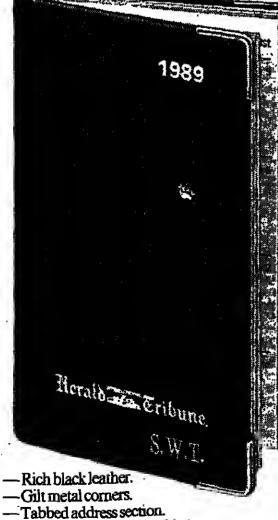
So far, Italy has pledged to shed the capacity to make 1.2 million metric tons a year of hot rolled coils.

The West German junior economy minuster, Dieter von Wilizen, said Thesday that this wis not enough when the FC had excess capacity of 7.5 million tons.

Industry ministers from the 11 other FC member countries had agreed on the restructuring plan, which also was approved by the English

member commission, the IC's executive body. Under the plan, two thirds of the aid would be paid immediately to retire a part of Finalder's debts, and the company's profitable plants would operate under a new name, Ilva.

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CURRENCY MARKETS

Trade Report Sends Dollar Lower

NEW YORK — The dollar dosed lower on Wednesday, depressed by the report of only a Clasing Deutsche mark marginal improvement in the U.S. trade deficit in October and the liquidation of bullish positions in advance of Christmas. Dealers initially were surprised Source : Reuters

hy the reaction to the modest drop in the trade gap, which fell to \$10.35 billion from a revised \$10.67 billion in September. The October figure was slightly below projections by economists.

The numbers should not have affected the dollar as much as they have," said Steve Kelleher, corpo-rate treasury adviser at Chemical Bank in London.

But traders noted that some long positions had been closed out in advance of Christmas . The dollar fell to 1.7396 Deut-

sche marks from 1.7490 on Tues-day, and it dropped to 122.700 yen from 123.275. The pound, recovering from weakness earlier this week, rose to

\$1.8285 from \$1.8200. Against the Swiss franc, the dollar fell to 1.4663 from 1.4717, and the U.S. unit dropped to 5.9450 French francs from 5.9770.

The announcement on Tuesday of a larger-than-expected 1.1 percent surge in U.S. retail sales for November, although for a different month than the trade report, whould have provided a clue to the general strength of consumer de-mand and thus pointed to a continuing high level of imports, currency dealers said.

The market was hyping itself up for a better trade oumber. It had to have at least a \$9 billioo handle for the dollar to do better," said a dealer at major U.S. bank in New York. A round of European interest

rate increases and the perception that the West German central bank would raise its key Lombard rate on Thursday weighed on the dollar, especially against the mark.

But dealers said the market expected the U.S. Federal Reserve mounting steadily this week in tan-Board to raise its discount rate. charged on loans to central banks. from the current 6.5 percent level, countering the affect of the European moves on the currency mar-

Many dealers are looking for tightening of U.S. credit policy in response to evidence that the increase the U.S. discount rate or American economy is performing whether such a move would be part rigorously. The European interest of an agreement with Europe,

London Dollar Rates

rate rises, however, were interpreted as a signal that those countries do not want the dollar to advance from its current level.

In London, the dollar ended at 1.7380 DM, down from 1.7485 on Tuesday, and the U.S. currency fell deficit," be said. to 122.60 yen from 123.15. The British pound, which had

waned, moved higher against the dollar, rising 10 \$1.8325 from

The pound fell to 3.1805 DM from 3.1968, but it was unchanged on its trade-weighted index at 77.7. Dealers said an afternoon advance in the British currency was a reacnion to the falls of earlier this week. Against other key currencies in

dropped to 5.9415 French francs from 5.9725. The trade report and fears of higher U.S. interest rates hurt the bond market. Analysts said fixedincome securities were dragged down by the falling dollar as well. Steven A. Wood, an economist

for BankAmerica Capital Markets Group in San Francisco, said the bond market was disappointed that the trend toward lower merchandise trade delicits apparently has begun leveling off. "The market is saying we are stuck with a lower but still unacceptably high trade

Mr. Wood said bond prices also were burt by a pair of other ecobeen weak as the chances for a nomic reports for November indi-British interest rate increase caung "domestic economic activity is still very strong" and may increase inflationary pressures. Factory use rose 0.2 percent to 84.2 percent of capacity, the Fed said. while industrial production rose 0.5

The yield on the bellwether 30year Treasury bond rose to 9.05 percent at the close in New York from 8.98 percent as the price slumped to 99 16/32 from 100 Loodon, the dollar fell to 1.4655 Swiss francs from 1.4705, and it 7/32. (Reuters, AP)

RATES: Europeans Curb Credit

(Continued from first finance page) the United States and Japan earlier this year was to keep liquidity high in the aftermath of the October 1987 stock market collapse and to boost domestic demand in net exporting countries to help redress the imbalance in world trade.

Nigel Rendell, international economist at the James Capel & Co, brokerage, said a policy shift would be a clear signal that West German monetary authorities are concerned the mark is not strong enough against the dollar to stem the danger of inflation.

The signs of a concerted interest rate rise in Europe have been dem with speculation over a rise in the U.S. discount rate, now standing at 6.5 percent.

The Federal Reserve System's policy-making Open Market Commitwas meeting for the second day on Wednesday, but economists said it was not clear whether it would

U.S. October trade data released on Wednesday showed a relatively high \$10.35 billion deficit, compared with a revised \$10.67 billion deficit in September. A modest 1.7 percent drop in imports suggested domestic demand was still fairly

strong. Central bankers had the chance to coordinate policy on Monday at a meeting at the Bank for International Settlements in Switzerland Sources said topics iocluded whether economies were overheating and whether corrective actioo was needed.

Ecocomists said the Bundesbank appeared to have been the leading force in the round of rate increases on Wednesday, arguing that early action would bead off the oced for more drastic rises later.

The Dutch central bank is expected to go along with a tightening to keep a steady mark/guilder ex-change rate. Switzerland too, whose franc is closely linked to the mark, could follow a German rate (Reuters, AFP, AP)

DEFICIT:

U.S. Gap Narrows

(Continued from page 1) provement in trade numbers this year and cited a 28 percent surge in U.S. exports during the first 10

months of the year. Clayton K. Yeutter, the U.S. trade representative, said, "We are seeing an improvement in the trade deficit at a satisfactory pace."

But Allen Sinai, chief of Boston Co., predicted that "the improvement in the trade deficit has stalled out."

imported goods, especially on the manufacturing side," he added. Jerry Jasinowski, executive vice president and chief economist of the National Association of Manu-

"We still have a heavy flow of

facturers, cited "disturbing" fig-ures that "confirm the slowdown in export growth over the past three months while imports keep flowing inm the United States." He noted that automobile in ports from Japan increased by \$700

million and imports of telecom-munication products and consumer electronic goods such as video cassette recorders, also largely supplied by Japan, increased by \$300 million in October.

On Tuesday, Japan reported a trade surplus, reflecting products that have not yet been received in the United States.

Eveo though Japan's trade sur-plus with the United States declined by \$5 billion over the first 10 months of the year, it climbed in October by \$1.4 billion, to \$5 bil-

The U.S. deficit with the 12-nation Europeao Community de-clined by \$15 hillion over the first from stock profits were deposited 10 mooths of the year, although the in Mr. Shinto's private bank ac-October deficit rose by \$89 million count. About \$110,000 was reportto \$553 million.

In aoother development, the Federal Reserve Board said factory usage rose 0.2 percentage points to 84.2 percent last mooth, the highest since 84.3 percent in November 1979. The Associated Press reported, It was the seventh increase in eight months. As capacity use edges toward 85

creases.

percent, economists fear that factories will bave trouble producing enough goods to meet demand, leading to shortages and price in-

Markets Disrupted as Lange Dismisses Minister curb inflation. The two have been at odds since Mr. Lange watered down Mr. Douglas's reform the last four years," Mr. Caygill said. "I do not

WELLINGTON, New Zealand - Prime Minister David Lange dismissed his finance minister, Roger Douglas, on Wednesday in a conflict over how fast the country should continue to change its once rightly regulated econo-

New Zealand's currency and bond markets were thrown into turmoil.

The New Zealand dollar fell 3 U.S. cents as dealers rushed to sell the currency, before recovering I cent to close at 61.80 U.S. cents. The yield on the benchmark five-year government bond ended at 14.70 percent after starting at 14.30 percent and trading at 14.14 before the announcement

Only support from a major broker prevented a tumble on the share market, already at an eight-month low. The Barclay's index closed 14.08 points lower at 1.750.56.

Mr. Lange dropped Mr. Douglas in favor of Health Minister David Caygill minotes after Mr. Douglas said publicly that he would not remain finance minister if Mr. Lange were reelected leader of the Labor Party oext year.

His dismissal comes almost a year after the two men, once close friends, had begun to feud about Mr. Douglas's tight monetary policies to proposals, including a one-rate income tax, in December 1987.

Mr. Douglas said he had been powerless to prevent an undermining of economic confi-dence. He said a succession of crises had cost the country investment and jobs and had boosted interest rates.

He added that uncertainty had been further intensified to the point where "it could be now killing onr ecocomic recovery."

Mr. Lange and Mr. Caygill said in a joint statement. We are committed to reducing in-flation. Monetary policy will continue to be directed at this objective. We remain commit-

ted to a responsible fiscal policy. "Our goal is, and will continue to be, to reduce the budget deficit."

Mr. Caygill, 40, a lawyer, has been in Parliament for 10 years and had held a oumber of senior Labor Party posts. He will retain his Health Ministry portfolio.

He has been a strong supporter of Mr. Douglas's policies, which have turned the New Zea-land economy from one of the world's most regulated to one of the freest.
"My task now will be to continue the work

see these events as a break in the continuity of

this government's policy."
In November, Mr. Lange dismissed Richard Prebble, the minister of state-owned enterprises

and an ally of Mr. Douglas's. Mr. Lange said then that he dismissed Mr. Prebble because the two could not agree oo a procedure for privatizing 2 billion dollars worth of state businesses by March 31. Mr. Douglas's dismissal on Wednesday was

followed by the resignation of Revenue Minister Trevor de Cleene, a supporter of Mr. Douglas and the architect of widespread tax revision. After his dismissal, Mr. Douglas said at a news conference, "A stage has been reached

where that conflict is tearing the government apart and it is tearing New Zealand apart."

"I do not rule out standing against David Lange myself for the leadership."

Currency dealers said the fate of the New

Zealand dollar was in the hands of European markets, where Mr. Caygill is relatively unknown compared with Mr. Douglas.

"Any rally will be sold into," bond dealer Martin Paulsen of Bankers Trusi said. "Lange is telling us: 'Don't worry, be happy.' I'm more concerned than that."

SCANDAL: Chairman of NTT Resigns in Recruit Stock Investigation

(Continued from first linance page) At the time, the company was selfing leased-line telephone circuits, and reselling American supercomsurprisingly high increase in its puters, to Recruit's former chairman, Hiromasa Ezoe, to help it

fulfill his plans. For weeks Mr. Shinto has denied This was seen as signaling a that he personally profited when worsening of the trade deficit in the Recruit Cosmos went public and

share prices surged. That's completely one of the quescon," he said. "How could I face everybody if I had done such a

But late Tuesday prosecutors leaked to the Japanese press their recent discovery that 9 million to 10 million yen (\$75,000 to \$83,000) edly placed in another account, controlled by the company, lovestigators say they suspect it was a slush fund.

Mr. Shinto did oot say anything publicly Wednesday, although his spokesman maintained he had no knowledge of the deposits. But at a meeting he reportedly told Japan's implicated in the scandal, minister of posts and telecommunications, Masaaki Nakayama, that "took responsibility" for the

funds that appeared in his account. does big damage. He said to me this At a press conference at compa-morning: 'Please recover our comoy headquarters oear the Imperial pany's lost credibility."



Hisashi Shinto

Palace, Haruo Yamaguchi, president, said an internal investigating group he heads had failed to uncov er the transactions involving Mr. Shinto. He said Mr. Shinto "has been thinking about resigning for the past few days" because several senior company officials had been Mr. Shinto was the propelling

power of our privatization," Mr. Yamaguchi said. "So losing him

Several new questions have been raised about Mr. Shinto's relatioo-

ship with Recruit. One is what Mr. Shinto, who enjoys an international reputation and personal wealth, had to benefit from the stock deal. He came to the company only seven years ago, at

the behest of the government, after a 47-year career with Ishikawaima-Harima Heavy Industries Co., a leading shipbuilder, which be restructured. Government officials hoped that his experience in private industry would help prepare the telephone company for an era of deregulation and competition.

The strategy worked for a while.

In a series of stock sales, the company was freed from government cootrol, and the Japanese government used some of the proceeds to help finance the company's debt. Since then it has added a oumber of new services, from portable cellular phone service to the installation of commercial octworks that handle both voice and high-speed computer communications. The number of employees was trimmed — it now stands at slightly less than 300,000 - and the company has started a host of new ventures.

But the company's recent performance has been disappointing. As competitors arrived in the domestic telephone market - international

calls are headed by another firm, Kokusai Denshin Denwa - the

relephone giant has been pressed. "The competition is doing sur-prisingly well," said John McDonald, communications analyst for Jardine Fleming Securities Ltd. in Tokyo. "They are making profits earlier than expected. And customers have been less reluctant to move

to new carriers than we thought." Still, the firm labors under the burdeo of its buge size. For political reasons, it cannot increase the price of a local call, which at a pay phone costs about 8 cents, in a nation not known for its consumer bargains. Those calls are subsidized hy more expensive rates for longdistance, giving competitors a chance to win customers by charging only 75 percent of the firm's

Recent earnings, as a result, have been sluggish. Telephone service revenues only inched up, and intal revenue declined a little in the six months ended Sept. 30. Current, or pretax, profit fell to

month period from 199.68 hillion yen. Net profit was almost unchanged at 100.71 billion yen, compared with 100.78 billion a year Net profit margins are down to

170.61 billion yen for the six-

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Price of GEC Stock Rises **On Takeover Rumors**

LONDON — Rumors that General Electric Co. of Britain could become the target of a takeover bid, possibly by Hanson PLC or a consortium involving Plessey Co., pushed GEC shares up 4 pence Wednesday to 189 pence and sent option volume soaring, analysts said.

GEC and Siemens AG of West Germany are making a hostile hid for Plessey, which is valued at £1.7 billion (\$3.1 hillion). Analysts said a reverse takeover could be a means for Plessey to A spokesman for Hanson, a British conglomerate, declined to comment on the rumors. No comment was immediately available from Ples-

sey, a military contractor and telecommunicasey, a mintary contractor and traccommunications group.

Total volume in GEC call and put options by midday was 2,921 contracts, compared with a total 1,381 contracts traded Tuesday.

January 180-pence calls were trading at 12.5 pence, compared with Tuesday's closing value of 10.25 pence. Each option contract represents 1,000 shares. A call option is the right to buy a

1,000 shares. A call option is the right to buy a particular security within a specified period.

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BOOKS

CHILDREN OF BETHANY: The Story of a Palestinian Family

By Said K. Aburish. 256 pages. £14.95. London, 1.B. Tauris & Co. Ltd, 3 Henrietta St., London WC2E

Reviewed by John K. Cooley

S AID ABURISH, a Palestinian Arab, has written a remarkable history of his people in this century. He does this by telling the story of the members of his own family. Born in Bethany, a village on the southeastern slopes of the Mount of Olives, just east of Jerusalem, the author's personal tale slips easily and almost imperceptibly into a narrative in microcosm about the dispersed three million to four million Palestinians living throughout the world, and what Bethany still means to them.

out the world, and what Bethany still means to them. The setting for the Aburish dynasty, which Said Aburish's grandfather, Khalil Aburish, founded, is the New Testament surroundings, goals for many generations of Christian pilgrims: the tomb of Lazarus, the house of Mary and Martha, and the tomb of Simon the Leper. The Aburish family, however is a Sunni Moslem clan, already living during World War I in a mixed society of Moslems, Christians and (nearby) Jews, ruled first by the Turks and then, after the war, by the British mandate authorities who ruled Palestine until 1948. authorities who ruled Palestine until 1948.

authorities who ruled Palestine until 1948.

Starting off the tale is an account of what family and village life were like in Bethany when Khalil Aburish "came home riding a mule and wearing the ill-fitting uniform of a sergeant in the Turkish army."

Growing up and going to school, coming to terms with the new British order, the love affairs of adolescence and youth, the codes of honor and hospitality that governed Bethany's affairs, are related against slowly rising background music of political and intercommunal strife.

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As occasional sectarian feuds and clashes slowly ripened into the Arab revolt of 1936 and the wars of 1948-49, 1956 and 1967, many members of the family settled abroad, from New York to Houston to London. Said Aburish, the author, was one of those choosing the United States for education, first foreign work experiences, and the choice of a nationality and passport. Men of the clan, like Said's father, Abusaid Aburish, if they stayed in Palestine, found themselves caught up in the political tasks of cooperating with, but also fighting, the British and the Palestinian Jews, soon to be Israelis. One brother managed a refugee camp near Jericho.

The women supported their men; some went out into the world and pursued careers of their own.

From the 1930s, when, as the author recalls, "we discovered and adopted our Palestinian identity; and the British recognized the Palestinians as a people with stronger hopes and aspirations than they had expected," Palestinian Arab nationalism was set on a course with the Zionists' vigorous and successful campaign for a knight state a course decision recorded paign for a Jewish state, a campaign decisively speeded and sharpened by the disaster of the Jewish Holocaust in

The book describes in terms of individual people how that collision gradually became inevitable, and how the effects of the earlier wars were tempered or aggravated by the initial Arab successes of the 1973 conflict, then by the gradual destruction of Lebanon since the 1982 Israeli campaign against the Palestinians there.

For members of the Aburish clan who stayed amid their roots in villages and towns like Bethany, the post-1967 experience of Israeli occupation and the open revolt this finally bred in December of 1987, has instilled in ordinary people of the region a fierce yearning for the schooling and the opportunities the outside world offers. They look even more than in the past to individual achievement, more easily attainable through education. This, they feel is the only mad to the far more difficult. This, they feel, is the only road to the far more difficult political goals of freedom and eventual statehood, in some kind of inevitable, close relationship with both

Israel and the kingdom of Jordan.

"Having established that making money is possible, that comfortable livelihood is within reach," reflects the author, "we relaxed and began to revert to more human values, however simple and ordinary." Today in Bethany, one brother, Rabah, "cannot live without a rose garden towards with he directs time and energy previ-

ously used to make money."

The anthor writes he "put my life on the line and wrote a book about corruption in the Arab world ["Payoff," his first book] because I believed it had gone too far. This dehumanizing phase, the natural result of being an uprooted people lacking all hope, is being assailed by such down-to-earth values as those which sustained Khalil Aburish" in the Bethany of old.

The anthor concludes: "Perhaps the future isn't as bleak as the past." The reader can only hope that events now unfolding will eventually prove Said Aburish to be

John K. Cooley, a correspondent for ABC News, has covered the Mideast since the 1960s.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

A New Jersey player visited the American Contract Bridge League's Fall Nationals in Nashville during Thanksgiving week and had a reason to be satisfied with his trip. The player, Peter Fox of Madison,

had qualified with his 15-year-old son, Danny, to play in the National Rookie Pairs, an event restricted to players who have fewer than 20 master points. They began at the Essex Bridge Center in Livingston, New Jersey, won their District title and then finished second overall in Nashville, a remarkable achievement considering that the younger Fox has been playing the game for less than a On the diagramed deal from the Rookie final, the Foxes, father and son, sat East and West. They bid just enough to push their opponents to an unmakeable contract of three hearts. Notice that four diamonds would have been beaten by careful defense: North-South must lead clubs, to remove West's entry, and hearts to force one ruff.

Against three hearts, West led the diamond queen and East overtook. He returned chib, and West took the ace and returned the suit. There was no immediate ruff, but the threat of one was decisive. West still had a diamond entry and could regain the lead to play another club whenever East gained the lead with the heart

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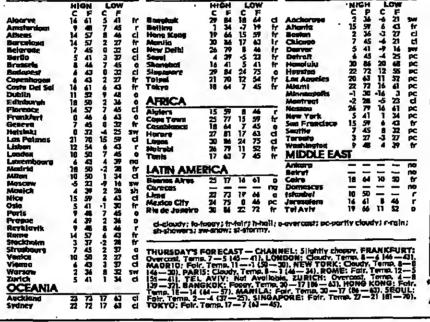
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Taking the Measure of Two Prime U.S. Basketball Coaches

NCAA Must Give Tarkanian a Jolt

By Ken Denlinger Vashington Post Service WASHINGTON — Defense has been Jerry Tarkaman's specialty. On the court, it is the main reason his career winning per-centage ranks second in college basketball history. The legends immediately behind Tarkanian are, in order, Adolph Rupp, John Wooden and Dean Smith. In the courts, Tarkahian has

done even superior defensive

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work. He took close to the mightiest of the sporting mighty, the NCAA itself, through all manner of legal traps and stalls - and into something like 12 years of

And he lost. Tarkanian's latest rare defeat, in the U.S. Supreme Court, involved a case more important than noble.

Tarkanian was exactly the proper person to he involved in establishing the NCAA's right to order a school to suspend a coach for assorted rules violations; the NCAA has been chasing him for the better part of two de-

h He was coach at Long Beach State from 1969 through 1973. In 1974, the school was placed on a three-year probation for basket-ball and football violations that included excessive financial aid, fraudulent test scores, tampering with transcripts and erroneous eligibility certificates. By that time, Tarkanian was at

the University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV). After the NCAA discovered 38 violations, it placed the Runnin' Rebels on



Jerry Tarkanian

probation for two years and told the school to suspend Tarkanian for that period. Had Tarkanian heen suspend-

ed, he could have retained his tenured position at the universi-But he would have had to forfeit, among other things, a six-figure salary that included fees from endorsements and camps, a newspaper column, radio and television shows and 10 percent of the net proceeds from participation in the NCAA tourna-

So principle was not the only force that drove Tarkanian to

The NCAA decided to keep appealing each lower-court set-back, just in case every coach in the sports that matter did not become pure as the driven snow and all cheating suddenly ceased.

The NCAA ought to nail Tarkanian. A two-season sabbatical, 12 years late, would be entirely appropriate. I thought otherwise until considering how Tarkanian has prospered from presenting himself for so long as America's Oppressed Coach, a Father Flanagan who chews towels.

Tarkanian in some ways is good for college basketball, compelling even, mainly by being close to unique as a coach and character. He takes players nearly all other coaches reject and usually gets them to play hard

He now figures to affect an even more put-upon appearance, of a well-intentioned coach who has suffered for a dozen years in and out of court. Why make the poor man endure more?

Well, partly because Tarkanian has made a handsome living as a roguelike coach.

As its lawyers and other de fenders know, the NCAA does not have available for its investigations many of the usual legal tools; the power of subpoena, for instance. To a great extent, the NCAA must rely on the integrity of its members.

And with such staggering amounts of money involved for bowl games in football and the NCAA tournament in basketball, college officials nften choose to fight rather than coop-

Possibly, as he has insisted, Tarkanian and his schools were vulnerable and sacrificial at one time, obvious targets for an undermanned enforcement staff and not so cuming as many bas-ketball factories. No longer. Among active coaches, Tarkan-ian entered this season first in winning percentage (.825) and seventh in total victories (501).

Seems to me. Tarkanian has done rather nicely these last 12 years. Seems to me, his upward mobility has not been interrupted in the least. Seems to me, he slipped away from justice before, at Long Beach State. Seems to me that twice would be once too

On Top, Layden **Decides to Quit**

By Ira Berkow New York Times Service NEW YORK - You've heard of the caramel test, of course, it was the test Frank Layden said he gave to prospects while he was basketball coach at Niagara Uni-

"We'd hand them a caramel candy, and if they took the wrap-per off before they ate it, they d get a basketball scholarship," he said. "If they ate the caramel

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with the paper still on it, we wouldn't give them a basketball scholarship. Wr'd give them a football scholarship."

That was college sports, a world ripe for the lampoon. In the last 13 years, Layden has been a professional basketball coach, first an assistant and then, for the last eight years, head coa-ch of the Utah Jazz. Last season, in the heat of a

playoff game against Los Ange-les, Layden and Pat Riley, the dapper and sleek-haired coach of the Lakers, were at the scorer's table, debating a point of order.
When finished, Layden, who
weighs about 300 pounds (135
kilograms) and wears owlish glasses, returned to the bench, whipped out a comb and in an

exaggerated manner began to slick back his hair, à la Riley. It brought howls of delight from the fans and a laugh from his good friend Riley, but it also had the benign coachly effect of defusing a tense moment for his

In both those instances, and many others — he is widely



Frank Layden

known for his wit — Frank Layden did or said the unusual and the comical, and both often for a purpose beyond simply going for laughs. He could needle and draw an insight into the world of big-time sports, both college and professional, and at the same time poke fun at himself, for be was of that world.

We've overblown sports in this country," he said recently. "We've made them bigger than they should be, the overemphasis on winning, the puffing up of false images, the lying It's like in ancient Rome, when the circuses were more important than life

Layden has not been immune to feeling the pressure, to seeing himself a party, willing or other-wise, to some of the hypocrisy. And last week, with his team in first place in the Midwest Division of the National Basketball Association, Layden, 56, quit as a coach, after 33 years at it. He moved to the job of president of the Jazz, for whom he had held the title of vice president basket-Last season in Utah, before

the team began to rise, he was boosed, and it hurt. About a week ago, in Sacramento, California. he was spit on by a Kings rooter. "I don't understand that," said Layden. "Can a game he that important?" He paused. "Sure, we won the game, but I didn't have anything to do with that." Even in anger, it was hard to resist a quip.

He had also bridled at attempts by the league, he said, to muzzle him. He was fined \$10,000 after a game last year for saying the referees were shoddy.
"League officials told me,

You can't say that, it attacks the character of the league," Layden said. Another aspect of phoniness he said, is the great hype of sports figures. "What we've done

in this country is create false gods so that we can sell tickets," For all this, the owner of the team, Larry Miller, cned when Layden resigned. And last sea-son, when Karl Malone, the star

forward for the Jazz, heard ru-mors that his coach might go to the new Miami Heat, he said he wanted to follow him. But Layden has his critics among players, too. Adrian Dantley was delighted to be traded to the Pistons, and Darrell Griffith was glum about spending so much time on the

Layden said his definition of a good coach is one who can win with good players. Yet when he had a team that seemed to have the good players, and was a championship contender, he left.

"It was time to go, I felt it in my bones," be said. "I've thought about it for a few years. The NBA can consume you."



The Long and the Short of It

Basketball has its ups and downs. Tuesday in Indianapolis, up was Reggie Miller of the NBA Indiana Pacers. Down was the basketball. In the middle, serving as Miller's ladder, was Dave Hoppen of the Charlotte Hornets. On the side was Michael Holton of the Homets. In the end, it was the Pacers, 115-105.

Tyson Vows to Fight Bruno Feb. 25 And Disavows Fealty to Marriage

CHICAGO - Mike Tyson, the world heavyweight boxing champi-on, has taken some swipes at his estranged wife and says he will definitely meet Britain's Frank Brunn Feb. 25 in Las Vegas.

The British challenger, mean-while, flew to Los Angeles hoping finally to agree to terms for the world title fight after five postponements in six months.

But the 27-year-old Bruno, who hasn't fought for over a year be-cause of his title aspirations, wants to hear it from Tyson himself.

At a news conference in Chicago on Tuesday, Tyson said he likes being single and denied reports

actress Robin Givens,

healthy for me," Tyson said at the characterized with an epithet, was news conference. "I don't want to in the worst category. he married. I don't like being mar-Tyson confirmed that he would

"I'm not blocking the fight," Tyson said when asked why the bout had been postponed five times.

"Do you really think I'm worried about Frank Bruno?" Tyson, 22, whose marriage to the 24-year-old television star made

headlines worldwide last winter,

called publicity about their break-

up "degrading and embarrassing."

TRANSITION

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DALLAS—Activated Ray Turpley, for-

that he might reunite with his wife, "In Hollywood you make money by being either the best person or "I respect her, but the things the worst person," said Tyson. He she's done are just totally un- indicated that Givens, whom he

> "I'm the best fighter in the world," Tyson said, adding that this would be the last time he would air his marital woes. "I don't need the publicity. I don't need this."

Tyson also confirmed that he had been at a New York night club during the weekend, but said he was unaware of charges filed by a woman who said he had assaulted her there. He denied the allega-

"I'm a target," Tyson said. "This happens all the time."



Tyson perspiring

"His recollection is 100 percent different," said Howard Weitzman, Tyson's attorney. "He said he didn't assault or harass anyone." (AP, UPI)

Inside the Revolt in Men's Tennis

By Christine Brennan

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Fee up with the way their game is becoming run, the Association of Tennis Professionals has decided to break away from the Men's Tennis Cooncil, which organizes the men's tour,

faint hope that it is not too late to among those who showed up when get the players back. This does not the ATP hosted a news conference mean that there will be two tours, during the recent Masters champibecause negotiations are likely to onships in New York; only Ivan continue, but it does mean the poli- Lendl did not, and he refused to tics of men's tennis will he more confusing than ever.

tors and sponsors are caught in the middle, waiting to see which way Under Jordan's activist

the wind blows next.

staff, became the ATP's chief men's tennis is governed. In a new kecutive officer. He said he want-directors will share control held the week of Nov. 12.

men's golf, where the PGA controls As he made plans for the new

tour, Jordan said he was "shocked" to discover the level of commitment by the top tennis pros: 22 of the top 25 players (and 85 of the top 100) have signed contracts to and form its own circuit in 1990,
The council earlier this month
announced its own fresh tour in a

dre Agassi and Tim Mayotte were on fusing than ever.

At least some tournament directions of men's tennis will be more discuss his opinions on the subject. (Lendl, Jimmy Connors and Andrei Chesnokov are the three top

Under Jordan's activist leadership, the players have staged a re-"Basically, they are lighting over volt, demanded more of a voice in control of the game," said Donald Dell, chairman of ProServ Inc., and their own tour, all in the past few months. They have forced the band of the More Transic Council and can talk about circuits and dates of the Men's Tennis Council, and and money, but what both sides now that the council has responde

really are saying is they want to with changes, they say it is too late. Control the game." with changes, they say it is too late. In this off-the-court battle over This has been a theme in profes- men's tennis, the players have in-NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE sional sports in the 1980s: players creased their say in their game. Unter the more control—and more der the present system the ATD wanting more control — and more der the present system, the ATP, money — as sponsorship and interthe tournament directors and the est in pro sports has grown. Last International Tennis Federation, say that because they are either year, Hamilton Jordan, President which runs the Grand Slam events, tired or injured, they don't play as Jimmy Carter's White House chief each have a 33 percent voice in how

cer, elected by that governing panel, present to break ties.

The players also have announced the skeleton of their 1990 tour, which will be scheduled around Wimbeldun, the Australian, French and U.S. Opens and Davis

'You can talk about circuits and dates and money, but what both sides really are saying is they want to control the

> game. Donald Dell, chairman of ProServ Inc.

Cup play and will allow for an eight-week off-season. Under the current system, players complain that they have no off-season and tired or injured, they don't play as well near year's end.

mittee will pick eight tournaments in North America, nine in Europe and two in Asia as premier events that each will showcase five or six of the top 10 players. The top players must play 10 of these 19 tourna-ments, plus the four Grand Slam events. Thirteen will be \$1 million "World Series" tournaments and six will offer \$600,000 in prize

The schedule is "streamlined," the ATP says, cutting about 11 topflight tournaments from the circuit, but adding more lower-level events. These could include the 11 that lose the top status. The players say this will increase competitiveness and rivalties by having more top players at the same tournaments and will unclutter a calendar that schedules tournaments in Milan and Memphis the same week. No one says it, but they would like to he more like the women's tour, which has been a model of stability. When the 1989 circuit is completed, the players' plan says they

will take over, leaving the Men's Tennis Council out of the business of running men's tennis. Game, set and match, right? Not

Marshall Happer, the council's administrator, agrees that something must be done about the confusion of scheduling and agrees that the players deserve more con-

"We are refocusing professional tennis so there is something really big nther than the Grand Slam tournaments," he said. "A lot of people say teams is so confusing they just watch the Grand Slams." Under the latest council propos-

al for a revamped tour, top players would he given signing bonuses based on their rankings, payable after they fulfilled their commitment to play in 12 tournaments a

The 12 major trurnaments would include the four Grand Slam events, plus eight others from among a choice of 14, \$1 million World Series" tournaments and 13 "Super Series" events.

Happer also gave the players a 50 percent voting block in governing the council.

Perhaps more important, Happer is trying to woo the players back by talking about sponsorship — or lack thereof. His tour has more tournaments but still lets players choose their dates and sites. And Happer says he can "guarantee" tour stops.

This is a problem for tournament directors. Jordan acknowledged that North American tournament directors have not endorsed the ATP tour, while European tournsment directors have. Of concern to some is what will happen if they do not receive "World Series" status from the ATP. Currently, a tournament sanctioned by the MTC knows it will have a couple of the top 10 players. Under the ATP plan, without "World Series" status, a tournament apparently would have to settle for players no

"We're proceeding with or without them," Jordan said of the Nurth American directors. They're waiting to get the best deal.

This might he Happer's only chance. Tournaments have an opportunity to count and stay in business with us," he said.

Happer also believes Jordan and the players will have trouble marketing the new tour.

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CBS Wins Baseball TV Rights

NEW YORK - CBS on Wednesday won exclusive network rights to televise U.S. major league baseball for the next four years with a \$1 billion offer that shocked NBC. which has covered baseball

since 1947. CBS said its four-year con-tract allows it to televise the Wnrld Series, the All-Star Game, the playoffs in both leagues and a 12-game regular-season package beginning in

"With the acquisition of the exclusive network baseball package, CBS sports secures its position as the undisputed leader in network sports pro-gramming," Neal Pilson, CBS Sports president, said. The network has not tele-

vised big league baseball since 1964, while NBC and ABC shared TV rights since 1975. CBS was stunned by NBC last month when it lost the U.S. TV rights to the 1992 Barceiona Olympics. NBC won with a bid of \$401 million. topping CBS's offer by \$40 million.

Baseball is expected to award a cable package next month for between \$75 million and \$100 million per year. NBC had been expected to retain the major part of baseball's network package.
The current baseball con-

tracts, which expire after the 1989 season, totaled \$1.1 billion over six-years. ABC and NBC will pay baseball a total of \$240 million in the deal's final season. Baseball will earn more than that just from the CBS portion of its package.

SIDELINES

Romanian Gymnastics Coach Defects

HAMBURG (AFP) - Maria Kosma, coach to the Romanian women's gymnastics team, has asked for political asylum in West Germany, the West German gymnastics federation announced here Wednesday. Kosma, 38, remained in West Germany at the end of a demonstration

tour of the country by Romanian women gymnasts, who returned home last week. She is staying with relatives, the federation said.

Kosma guided the Romanian women to the world championship team title in Rotterdam last year and coached Ekatarina Szabo, who won four gold medals at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984. Her predecessor as coach to the women's team, Bela Karolyi, defected to the United States in

Red Sox Deal for 2 Cincinnati Players

BOSTON (AP)— The Boston Red Sox, still recting from the free agent loss of left hander Bruce Hurst to San Diego, have filled two other holes by acquiring left-handed reliever Rob Murphy and first baseman Nick Esasky in a five-player deal with the Cincinnati Reds.

The Red Sox sent outfielder-first baseman Todd Benzinger, right handed pitcher Jeff Sellers and a player to be named later to the Reds. Esasky, 28, hit 243 with 15 home runs and 62 runs batted in during 122 games last season. He committed just six errors in 116 games at first base. Murphy, 28, was 0-6 with a 3.08 earned run average and three saves in 76

Dave Parker Settles With the Pirates

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates and Dave Parker have quietly settled a lawsuit over Parker's admitted past drug use, avoiding a trial that threatened once again to drag some of baseball's biggest names

into a Pittsburgh courtroom.

The Pirates president, Carl F. Barger, said Tuesday that the Pirates and Parker agreed not to disclose terms of the agreement, but he said the team won "a very significant concession" on Parker's 1979 contract, which required the Pirates to pay him \$5.3 million in deferred payments through the year 2007. Parker, now with the Oakland A's, played for the Pirates

The Pirates filed a lawsuit against Parker in April 1986 seeking to void his 1979 contract on grounds he breached it by using cocaine for about higher than the second 10. seven years,

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The Olympic super-giant station champion, Franck Piccard of France, underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Wednesday and is expected to return to the ski circuit in early January. (UPI)

Mario Lensieux of the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins has been named Canadian Press Male Athlete of the Year. (AP)

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"That's no good because the husband's mother or the wife's mother will spend all her time telling the children what terrible spouses they

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mothers lives in Florida and the other resides in Michiean "We're sort of running out of combinations," I said.

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Confucius who said, 'The journey of a thousand miles begins with one call from your mother making sure the entire family is coming to her house for Christmas dinner." "No one should ever have to de-

er-in-law." I said. "Whoever said that Christmas

was easy.

Anne-Sophie Mutter and Her Strad

By Joseph McLellan

Washington Post Service
N EW YORK — Anne-Sophie
Mutter talks about her violin the way other women her age (25) might talk about a husband or a lover. She has lived with a 1710 Stradivarius for the last six years - half of a phenomenal international career that began when she

When everything is working well, "my Strad is part of my body - the best part of my body," the West German violinist says.

But she also thinks of it as "a living thing" with its own moods and peculiarities. Most of the time, discussing this constant partner in concert halls around the world. Mutter sounds satisfied. Occasionally, there is a trace of irritation at the instrument's changeability. And always, there is the feeling of the violin as a

"Violinists have every evening a different instrument to respond to," Mutter says. "My violin's sound is always changing in response to different temperatures and levels of humidity and everything else, and because it's in a constant process of development, it is never the same. It is not like a lamp, which looks the same today and tomorrow. My relation with my violin is something I re-create every day."

She is philosophical. As one of the world's favorite classical musicians, she can afford to be, "It is interesting," Mutter says, "to watch an instrument change over the years with a violinist. Both are adapting, you know, both are changing, both are coming to-"At the beginning, you don't know how to treat a violin which

is strange for you - you don't know all the possibilities, you don't know how much pressure --or whatever - to use on an in-"So, you have to change your approach to the instrument, and the instrument has to open up.

You have to live some time with it to really get to know it, to understand the possibilities you have "With my first Strad, after three or four years, I had the feeling that there was nothing more

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Violinist Mutter: "My Strad is part of my body — the best part of my body."

project on the instrument. So, I had to change violins. With this one, it's the opposite."

Now, Mutter is beginning to feel it might be a good idea for them to take a short rest from one another. "After 120 concerts a year for some years, with all the traveling, it's necessary to leave it for three or four months - just leave it in the case. Otherwise, it's too stressful. I think I will do that now. After this tour, which has a lot of temperature change and humidity change, I have to bring it back to Paris and fix some small things. I have no concerts for about seven weeks after Christ-

While her constant concert companion is out of sight, Mutter's life will undergo a major change; "I am going to be married on Jan. 4, then we will have three weeks of honeymoon - that's about it. In the middle of February, I start a big German tour, then at the end of March I'm coming to New York and several

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Her fiance, whom she describes as "the most important corporate lawyer in Germany," is Detlef Wunderlich. He is also the president of the film company established by her mentor, conductor Herbert von Karajan, she says, and "he handles a lot of contracts for artists and he is a good friend of [Piacido] Domingo, so he has something to do with music. He also loves music, thank God."

Once she settles into her marriage. Mutter expects to reduce her concert schedule slightly and perhaps spend more time at her home in Monte Carlo. "I usually take off June and July - at least June — and I do nothing at all. Sometimes I will practice, before a premiere, but mostly I just read and go to the cinema. I don't like social life too much. I'm not a person who likes to be with hundreds of people — a few friends, and that's just about it. I like to lead a very quiet life."

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Mutter's parents are not musicians - her father, formerly a reporter, is now the editor of the

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West German regional daily the Sudkurier. She says her parents knew they had something unusual on their hands by the time she was 5 years old and demanding violin lessons. They made me start with the piano, because they thought it would be better than violin for a 5-year-old. But that lasted only a few months."

Karajan, introducing the I3-year-old Mutter to the world, described her as the most important violin prodigy since Yehudi Me-nuhin. Like him and unlike some musicians who start their careers early, Mutter has continued to grow artistically and has weathered the transition from Wunderkind to mature performer with grace and poise. She says she is never nervous before a concert, and was not even when she was a

"There was no cause to be nervous. I am always prepared to the best of my ability. I remember Karajan asked me before our first concert, 'Are you nervous?' and I said 'No,' and he was very sur-

though I was some kind of a green

man from Mars." The word "star" gets as cmphatically modest a response from her as questions about con-cert costume. "I think of myself as just one of the performers. I don't think of myself as a star -that's a very empty word, 'star.' When I play a concerto, I am simply the composer's interpreter - Beetho-

ven is the star, not me." She has been playing recitals in Europe since she began performing internationally, but until now all her performances in North America have been with orchestras. The delay was "just a ques-tion of scheduling," she says. "I love to play rectals. For one thing, I have more control of the program and of the musical expression — the sound, the phras-ing, also the dynamics. It is a much more lively way to make music, much more direct."

She has only one regret about the program: "I would have liked to include something contemporary, like the Partita of [Witold] Lutoslawski. Next time, I will do a more avant-garde program."

One thing she likes about con-

temporary music is being able to talk to the composer. She has recorded two of Lutoslawski's works for violin and orchestra, Partita and "Chain 2" for Deutsche Grammophon. When she played the music for the composer, she says, "he approved of the way I played the music, but he was unhappy with the second movement of Chain 2 - the tempo was wrong, so he changed it. But be already had the wrong metronome mark in the published score. So anyone who wants to know the proper tempo will have to listen to the - ahem - defini-

When she gets into a discussion of such topics as Lutoslawski's music, Mntter's artistic seriousness quickly becomes clear. "I like the enormous expressivity, which is always based in what we already know in Beethoven. Brahms and Mozart," she says. But he uses it for a unique language of his own --- very expressive. He's my most favonite avantgarde composer, also because of his impressionistic use of soundionistic use of soundcolors. He moves you — that's what music should do,"

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and "Midnight Run." "A Walk In the Woods," the Lee Blessing play seen on Broadway earlier this year, and three Ameri-can musicals including Leonard Bernstein's "Candide," were among the nominees for the 1988. Olivier Awards, which honor achievement in London theater: Besides "Candide," the Musical of the Year nominees are Bakes In Arms," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Blood Brothers." The best play nominees are "The Secret Rap-ture," "Mrs. Klein," "On: Coun-try's Good," and "Walk In the Woods."

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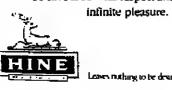
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